

The year a new world began: John Terraine, page 8

Tory demand for Service pay increases accepted

The Government yesterday accepted a Tory private member's motion in the Commons that it should ensure a reasonable increase in pay for the Armed Forces and a substantial improvement in conditions, but only when pay policy permitted. Review body recommendations would be accepted, although any award might be phased in over a period if it breached pay guidelines.

Phased rises likely 'when policy permits'

By Hugh Noyes

Genuine concern for the troops was liberally mingled with dollops of political opportunism as the Commons yesterday debated Services pay against a background of mount-ing unrest throughout the

But after all the heated exchanges across the floor of the it was clear at the end of the day, as Mr Gilbert, Mini-ster of State for Defence, told MPs, that there was no dis-agreement among political arties on the basic issue that Services pay should be restored to full comparability as soon as pay policy permits.

He accepted the private member's motion of Mr Page, Conservative MP for Crosby, who initiated the debate that the Government should ensure a reasonable increase in the remuneration of Servicemen and Servicewomen and a substantial improvement in their conditions at service.

of service.

Mr Gibbert pointed out that
the present difficulties arose
because of pay policy. He
indicated that the Government would be accepting whatever recommendations on pay were made by the Armed Forces pay review body, although the award might have to be phased over a period if it did not come within the pay guidelines. Earlier Mr Winston Churchill

had spoken from the Tory front bench of the Armed Forces "dislutegrating before our very tyes", and of the gravest crisis Certain Labour MPs, he said, would like to see the Armed Forces weakened, demoralized, valouized and on their knees. The saarm bells were ringing but when, he asked, would the Mr Churchill pointed out that Mr Churchill pointed out that

in seven years the Provisional

A split appears to be develop-ing in the ranks of Yorkshire miners, who voted overwhelm-ingly in the recent national ballot against incentive pay-

At least two collieries, Glass

Houghton, near Castleford, and Newmarket Silkstone, near wakefield, are strongly in fav-

- .. our of incentive bonus schemes

and opposed to the views of Mr Arthur Scargill, Yorkshire min-ers' president, who successfully led the campaign against incenSecretary of State in seven months had demoralized the

But for all Mr Churchill's flamboyant language, there was no recognition by him of the Government's dilemma over its pay guidelines, and barely a mention of what Conservatives would do in similar circumstan-

Ces.

He spoke of unlimited free travel warrants, but for the rest Mr Churchill left it until the final sentence of his speech to orge the Government to give a commitment to restore at the earliest possible moment the fundamental basis of the mili-

some weight was given to the poorly attended debate, by the attendance, in a non-speaking role, of Mr Mulley, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Sir Ian Gilmour, Conservative defence spokes of the frame.

Mr Page spoke of the "raw deal" that Servicemen were getting in relation to their dangerous duties, and to the conditions in which they had to be carried out. There was mounting public concern and it was not good enough to tell soldiers that they could supplement that they could supplement their pay at a petrol pump or by selling pints in a pub. From the Labour benches Mr. Weizman, QC, spoke of yaster-day's "scuthing article in The Times and he urged the Gov-ernment may extend the ve-

ernment to psy attention to what was said there about soldiers leaving the forces because they could not live on

their pay the Liberal benches Mr Emlyn Hooson said that defence was one of the most vulnerable sections of the agreement between the Liberals and the Government, but in Britain's present predicament there could be no special cases

executive on Thursday to per-nit local productivity deals with the National Coal Board

hos prompted Glass Houghton colliery to approach the man-agement for a scheme. Mr John Walsh, branch delegate, said last night: "We

are not standing idly by and warching other areas get this money while we go without." He said his branch first

asked for incentive schemes at the pit, which employs 640 men, on November 1 and he believed that any incentive pay-

ments should be backdated to

If such a scheme could be

Yorkshire pits split over bonuses

firemen's pay to best in industry

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The Fire Brigades Union executive met last night to consider an offer which, after two years, would link firemen's pay once and for all to that of the top 25 groups of workers in

industry.

The local authority employers made their proposals to the leaders of the striking firemen after five hours of discussion yesterday. On the cautious projection that earnings will increase over the next two years by 20 per cent, the firemen would expect to be earning an average of £102 a week from November, 1979. November, 1979.

November, 1979.

The employers' hopes rested last night on the 16 members of the union executive reversing a suand on which they appear to have been united during the strike, namely that their members were out for an immediate rise of more than 10 per cent and not for any formula for the future.

Mr. Brian Restricted

formula for the future.

Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the employers' side of the National Joint Council for the Fire Service, said: "In the view of the employers this is a first-class offer by any standards. It is such an excellent offer that the firemen must accept it."

The complex formula, implementation of which is conditional on an end to the strike, would peg firemen's earnings to the upper levels of skilled adult male manual workers as recorded in the Department of Employment's New Earnings Survey.

In line with the statement of Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, in the Commons on Thursday, it would close the gap between firemen's current average earnings of £69.30 and those of skilled manual workers over two states.

two stages.

Besides the 10 per cent from November 7 this year, firemen's pay would increase from November, 1978, by half the gap between their present earnings and the present earnings of skilled manual workers, about £81. In addition they would receive the difference between the £81 and whatever is the November, 1978, figure for skilled manual workers.

In 1979 the rate would be adjusted again to equate fully

Pay review idea, page 2

Lift men vote to end strike

by 1,534 to 1,294 vesterday in favour of a return to work on Monday. Their pay strike be-gan five weeks ago.

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Rowever, Mr Alfred McBrowse, the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and
Plumbing Union official responsible for the liftmen, said,
some men may ignore the de-Parliamentary report, page 3 cision to return to work.

At South Kirkby colliery last

month some men on incentive payments were earning about £120 a week until complaints from the National Union of Mineworkers stopped them.

that the third man in the con-spiracy was her former Hong-long boyfriend, Mr Lewis Chung, who gave her two suit-cases, to replace her old ruck-sack before she left Hongkong. She did not know the bags had false bottoms. The heroin was found in those compartments. Miss Nightingale and Mr Chung had discussed marriage and she left Hongkong expect-ing to meet him in Paris within

ductivity bonus scheme, he said. "Whatever the rest of the country has I want our members

her story.
"Miss Nightingale appears to
have bad a fair trial by Thai

Schools Inspectorate cool towards classes of mixed ability That difficulty might be since its operation normally which still remained vulnerable runities for all pupils, whatever partly concealed in schools that involved the deployment of teat to the expectation-fulfilment their ability, to grow to personal and social responsibility in a charge. There is no ideal solution, the inspectorate says. Education Correspondent

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Mixed-ability teaching rarely
produces satisfactory results
at secondary school level, the
Schools Inspectorate says in a
background document prepared
for the Government's conference
on comprehensive education in
Variance week York next week.

Teaching groups of children of a wide range of ability made of a wide range of ability made demands on teachers that were extraordinarily difficult to meet, especially at secondary level, the inspectorate says.

"The outcome, with few exceptions where highly gifted enthusiasts have giren much time and effort to careful planning and preparation and have built in continuing and effective assessment procedures, is one of two kinds of unsatisfactory practice."

tory practice." In one where traditional teaching methods appropriate to groups of mixed ability were preserved, demand was pirched at some estimate of "the middle", with almost certain failure to satisfy either extreme of the ability range, the inspectments save

the most gifted pupils. The effects of the stress at both ends might become more apparent, however, when the full range of

Offer to link Demands on teachers in some comprehensives 'extraordinarily difficult to meet'

In the other approach, " teaching" almost varished, yielding to individualized learning techniques, generally based on assignment cards and work sheets that were not always of adequate quality.

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Such devices, when well prepared, carefully chosen and wisely used could make a significant contribution to the difficult task of matching demand with capacity, but it was important to realize the limitations of such methods. Even the best individual programmes provided only one kind of learning experience, the inspectorate even

Some argued that total mixed-ability teaching throughout a school was the only way to implement comprehensive philosophy and to ensure equality of as "setting" by ability in par-opportunity. However, it could rarely guarantee the latter, mathematics, or broad banding,

unequal in quality, on the care-fully "equalized" teaching

· The 'inspectorate's strong reservations about mixed-ability teaching certainly does not mean that it favours the opposite extreme, that of streaming or the strict division of children according to their supposed general ability into separate classes for all subjects. The argument against stream-

that pupils tend to fulfil what is expected of them, had now won general acceptance, the inspectorate says. It was also widely recognized that streaming could take no account of the strengths and weaknesses of an individual in different subjects.

Comparatively few schools had gone over to total mixedability teaching, even in the first three years. Most schools had adopted compromises be-tween the two extremes, such as "setting" by ability in par-ticular subjects like French and

trend in schools, the great increase in attention given to the social and personal development of a child, the inspectorate suggests that there might now have been too big a swing in the direction of pastoral care at the cost of academic standards. Teachers' time was the main constraint, it says.

The inspectorate clearly does not want to suggest that pastoral care is unimportant, simply that it should be kept in balance with academic considerations within the limits set by a school's resources. Indeed, one of the five papers in the inspectorate's report is devoted entirely to pastoral care.

Few would disagree with the

inspectorate's starement that the But it was important to be aware of the extent to which sware of the extent to which social and personal factors bear on a child's learning perform-ance, and vice versa, and of the

atmosphere.
The other four papers in the 62-page report deal with the curriculum; the internal organization of schools, including the control of schools. teaching methods; pupils with special needs; and the wide variety of patterns_of comprehensive schools. inspectorate's conclusion on the pattern has the monopoly of

advantage.".

The Department of Education and Science's conference on comprehensive education, which is by invitation only, is to be held at York University on December 16 and 17. Fifty-nine chairmen of education committees, head teachers, local authority directors of education, teachers' union representatives and other educationists in England will be attending, as well as seven observers from Scotland, Wales, France, The Netherlands and the EEC.

British nurse jailed for 20 years in **Thailand**

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Dec 9

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Lawyers will seek a king's pardon for Miss Rita Nightiogale, aged 24, the British nurse who was sentenced today to 20 years' imprisonment for attempted drug trafficking.

They believe there is a chance that the King of Thailand will pardon Miss Nightingale in about a year's time. She has already been in custody for eight and a half months. They have advised her to appeal against the sentence.

Miss Nightingale, from Black-

Miss Nightingale, from Black-burn, Lancashire, collapsed into the arms of a friend when the court verdict was announced. Through her tears she said she did not wish to appeal. "I could not bear more court appearances", she said. "The court just does not understand cannot believe I am here and those men were set free.

She was referring to two-Hongiong Chinese arrested with her lest March after three-kilogrammes and a half of heroin was found in her beggage as she waited to board a flight to Paris. She had striped from Hougkong two days

earlier Miss Nightingale pleaded not by the two men. She alleged that one of them had planted the haroin in her baggage while it was in his possession at a Bangkok hotel before she went to the airport for her-flight. Thei police held the men for a month and then set them free. Her lawyers had expected

that the men, who were known to the Hongkong police as drug dealers, would be held at least as material winnesses.

Miss Mightingale also said that the third man in the con-

At Newmarker Silkstone, Mr Erank Alkatt, a branch official, said his members had the highest percentage in Yorkshire in favour of incentive schemes.

"We are interested in a proa week.

The court rejecting Miss Nightingale's explanation of how the drugs came to be in her baggage, said she had produced no evidence to support



Miss Nightingale, right, is comforted by a friend-after hearing the sentence.

standards." a British Embassy official said. Some other observers question whether a fair trial was possible in the absence of the two men arrested with her. MP's plex: Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour MP for Blackburn, last night asked Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary to ensura that Miss Nightingale was being properly treated. She wants to have Miss Nightingale deported to England

deported to England. Mrs Castle plans to meet Dr Owen next week to discuss the case but there seems kittle likelihood of much Governmen action yet because an appeal is being considered. She is con-yinced that Miss Nightingale is innocent and has built up a

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dossier which Dr Owen has A journalist who saw Miss Nightingale 10 days ago said last night that she had looked remarkably well and cheerful.

Miss Pat Blair, deputy editor
of the Health and Social Service
Journal, said she had originally
shared a cell with 22 other
girls, but larer was in one with

eight, including a girl who spoke English. The Portia Trust, a charity based at Workington, Cumbria

based at Workington, Combrie, which specializes in helping individuals it regards as vic-tims of injustice, announced last night that it was setting up an appeal fund to pay for a lawyer to travel to Theiland to

Mr Vance pledges help for Cairo

From Our Correspondent Cairo, Dec 9

Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, arrived here tonight to convey to President Sadat Washington's support for the Egyptian leeder's eace initiatives.

Cairo is the first stop of a Middle East tour during which Mr Vance will visit Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. In his talks with Arab leaders, Mr. Vance is expected to emphasize American endorsement of Mr Sadat's moves and the fact that it would belp to realize a permanent peace.

Mr Vance said at the air-port: "I am looking forward with great anticipation to my meeting with President Sadat tomorrow. . . We want to do everything we can to support the momentum which President Sadat has given to the peace process. I will be talking with him tomorrow about the ways with which we can best help to move this process forward, in support of the action which he had initiated." Israel hopes, page 4

MP badly injured Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, who held Mr Crosland's former seat at Grimsby for Labour in April, was seriously injured in a car crash near Bedford last night. He was placed under intensive care in hospital. A man was killed in the crash.

Progress achieved in Smith talks with nationalist leaders

Salisbury, Dec 9

Mr Ian Smith's attempt to reach a Rhodesian settlement with the internally-based black nationalist movements finally got off the ground today.

A joint communiqué issued at the end of a two-hour meeting in Salisbury said progress had been achieved on the question of adult suffrage and constitutional safeguards. Further talks are to be held on Monday and subsequent meetings will be held "frequently, if need be, on a daily basis in order to ensure as rapid progress as possible".

Today's talks, held in the bandsome red brick Govern-ment Training Centre building, followed a preliminary meeting ment Training Centre business followed a preliminary meeting between the Government and the black nationalists last week. At that meeting, however, two of the principal trainonalist leaders were absent. Bishop Abel Muzorews, head af the United African National may's Rhodesia Herald.

Mr Smith said there was more than on even chance more than on even chance.

Council, refused to attend until he had completed a week of mourning for those who had died during Rhodesia's recent to Rhodesia. He would be free raid into Mozambique, and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, president of the African National The leaders of all three council was everyosee. Council, was overseas.

Today both leaders were present together with Chief Jeremiah Chirau, head of the tribally-based Zimbabwe United People's Organization. On the Rhodesian side Mr Smith was accompanied by Mr P. K. van der Byl, his Foreign Minister, Mr Hilary Squire, Minister of Law and Order, Mr David Smith, Minister of Finance, and Mr Jack Geylard, the Cabinet secretary.

Despite the brevity of the final communique, observers believe that today's meeting marks a significant advance. .It was widely recognised that the biggest difficulty to be overcome was the franchise

out and that progress is said to have been made suggests he is satisfied that Mr Smith statement on November 2

meant one-man one-vote.

Mr Smith is, however, sessing certain safeguards before committing himself to a seriement based on universal ault suffrage. Principal arong these is understood to be acceptable by the parienalisms that third of the votes in ?arliament for a number of years after black majority rule is

internal nationalist organiza-tions have called for Mr Nkomo's inclusion in the talks.

So has Dr Owen, the British Foreign Secretary. So far Mr Nkomo has stated that he has no intention of participating. There are several reasons why

Mr Smith would like to see Mr Nkomo back. His return would cleave the Patriotic Front in two. It would also relieve pres-sure on Rhodesia's western horders where Mr Nkomo's Zapu forces operate, thus allowing the Rhodesian Army to concentrate its efforts against the more numerous but less efficient guerrillas belonging to Mr Robert Mugabe's Zann organization based in Mozambique,

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tives. The decision by the National Union of Mineworkers' national Threat of GUNS of whisky By Patricia Tisdall

An increase in Scotch whisky prices of between 42p and 50p a bottle was threatened by the Distillers Company yesterday if the EEC Commission decides to clamp down on the industry's that precious the second dual pricing structures. The Commission has chal-

lenged the higher prices charged for Scotch distributed outside the United Kingdom on the grounds that it distorts competition. A recommendation that DCL should cut its EEC prices is at the to be put to the Commission before Chirstmas and

a decision is expected early in the New Year. DCL's response is that if duel pricing were declared unlawful then one of its choices would be to raise the United Kingdom net price by something of the order of £5 per case of 12 bottles to bring R into line with that charged in the EEC. This would permit the necessary promotional and other activity in export markets.

to be continued. The two-tier pricing system used by other whisky producers including Teacher's and Bells as well as DCL is intended to essist sole distribution agents in the EEC by giving them an addi-tional margin to build up sales. in general, the extra cost which varies from country to country but which averages out at about

A2p a bottle before tax, is used for advertising and promotion Continued on page 17, col 4

50p on bottle Mortgage cut to Mr van Agt begins 9 per cent likely in January

Building society chiefs decided yesterday not to cut mortgage rates yet, but there seems a strong likelihood that they may come down in January. After the recent 2 percentage point rise in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate, there is a greater desire for caution. It is expected, however, that the societies will come under increasing pressure from the Government to reduce mortgage and investment rates, partly to prevent house prices being driven up Page 17

Poachers on computer The names of a wide range of people con-

victed of offences not considered serious enough to warrant fingerprinting are being filed on the Police National Computer. Such offences include poaching, vagrancy. being a suspected person, election offences, incitement to disaffection, wasting police time and travelling on the railway without paying the fare

Doctors seek protection Junior hospital doctors are to seek a new agreement protecting senior registrars after their training has ended. The Employment Appeal Tribunal upheld the dis missal by an area health authority of a senior registrar deemed to have reached

More hostel places Battered wives, former psychiatric patients and the single homeless will get up to 2,000 more hostel places a year under a Honsing Corporation initiative. Page 3

the standard of a consultant

Cabinet selection Mr Andries van Agt, the Durch Prime Minister-designate, has begun formal interviews with Christian Democratic and

that was seen as a victory for Mr Joop den Upl's Labour Party. Page 4. Troop reduction hopes Nato powers are hoping to initiate progress early in the new year at the stagnant vienna talks on troop reductions in Central Europe. The idea is to work out

Liberal candidates for his Cabinet more than six months after the general election

an agreed base for assessing troop levels. Hitherto neither side has accepted the other's figures

Surgery by salesman A medical salesman told a New York state A medical salesman und a new ton sur-inquiry he had helped a surgeon perform difficult head surgery. Another said he had helped in a knee operation. A state legislator called the practice of allowing salesmen to help in surgery "a burgeoning scandol."

Belize deal nearer

in Mediterranean countries

allowed to return

Britain and Guatemake appear to be moving nearer to a deal in which Guatemala would recognize the independence of Belize, probably in exchange for a small slice of its territory Page 4 Bakers: A bread strike at Christmas is possible as bakers put their pay offer to Brussels: EEC proposal to spend £650m over five years on modernizing farming

Arctic mix-up: British trawlers, ordered

out of Norway's Arctic waters for the fourth time on Thursday have br

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Science Services Shoparound Sport TV & Radio Theatres, etc 25 Years Ago Weather Peatures

By Stewart Tendler Home Affairs Reporter Convictions for offences such records poaching vagrancy and Records Office and for the being a suspected person ere computer.

The guide contains fewer

helped the police by providing a means for officers at the scene of a crime or holding a

immediately by radio.

Last week Dr Stammerskill, possess the Home Office, was asked in a series of written questions debto in the Commons for details of the computer's contents. She replied that the computer holds records of 3.3 million offenders and details of 2.2 million second of hoserorings.

Size said the 3.8 million names were of "people convicted of more serious offences" but gave no explanation for the 1.6 million discrepancy between that figure and the total for fingerprints.

Some fingerprint collections some ingerprint collections one not on the computer but the Home Office, and New Scotland Yard, which runs the computer and the Criminal Record Office, say that an unspecified part of the 1.6 million discrepancy belongs to have the control of the say.

juveniles, who are not required to give fingerprints.
The rest comprised offend as convicted of offences that the courts did not consider serious enough to warrant fangerprinting or where offenders wers-convicted without having to

able offence "

The offences include: possession of cannabis, election criminal barassment incitement to Strike plan

station.
Convictions for attempting,

So far the system has cost more than £15m, and it is considered to be the largest in Europe. By the end of this decade up to 1,000 terminals will be provided linking Henappear in court.

don with police sentions. The The Home Office provides computer has capacity for, suidelines to police forces on records of five million criminals.

Separate pay review urged for 'protectors of society'

Dorchester last night.

He argued that political parties should seriously con-

aust guarantee to maintain.

Air Whitelaw, who was putting forward the considered view of the Shadow Cabiner, said.

the fire services.

"Of course, this need not be a rigid formula", he said. Governments would elways need to take into account the lack of manpower in a particular wage group. If enough policemen were not being recruited, for example, then their pay would But those groups could not expect to receive exceptional treatment without themselves

snap poll in a panic'

By Our Political Editor The Labour Party was in state of panic and "Mr Callaa state of panic and. "Mr Callaghan has clearly made up his mind that Labour's only hope is to hold a snap election next spring or summer", Mr Angus Maude said last night.

The Conservatives leading strategist and close adviser to Mrs Thatcher as deputy party-chairman, Mr Maude envisioned the Conservant as desperate

the Government as desperate to plug the leaks as its electoral support drained away.

Speaking in Stockport, he said: "The Scotkend Bill is being steemsoffered through the

commons, egainst the wishes of many socialist. MPs, simply to try to save some Labour seats in Scotland from the SNP. "Two days ego a party poli-tical broadcast concentrated a riolent strack on the National Front, which has been gaining Labour votes in by-elections. "The Ball to provide for European elections, which the

Government is bound by treaty and by the Prime Minister's personal promise to use its best endeavours' to enact, has been deliberately held up for fear of alienating Labour voters opposed to the Common limbers." Mr Cafleghan's only hope was "to hold a soup election next spring or early summer,

when pay packets are larger and makes have been cut, but before the inflation rate and unemployment start

Helicopter saves 8 trawlermen

A British Airways belicopter last night rescued eight men in a 60 mph gale after on Abercen trawler ran aground and ds. The ressel was holed.

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forgoing some rights which other groups, who would not receive that treatment, enjoy, its said. If the firemen wished in claim parity with Armed Forces and the police over the kind of exceptional treatment offered to them by the Government, they should be prepared to relinquish the right to strike. I is not wise or honourable to have a pay policy under which the men who protect society feel increasingly that we are using moral blackmail to force hem to accept a level of wages which fells behind that of the rest of the society. Mr Whiteles, deputy leader of the Conservative Party and spokes-man on home affairs, said at Mr Rees, the Home Secre-tary, speaking at the annual dinner of the Bexleyheath Labour Party last night, again drove home the point that the trend towards sustained econo-

sider isolating those groups from the normal wage bargaining procedures which, with or without an incomes policy, would prevail in other sectors the economy.

I believe that these groups

Wage earners were appreciatshould have a fixed relationing that a combination of a ship to national industrial fall in the rate of increase in earnings which the Government prices and a cut in the income tax burden provided more real purchasing power than a bigger increase in the gross wage that e shadow Cabinet, said. was suped out by rampant Conservative leaders believed inflation.

Conservative leaders beneved that some new proposal on those lines was needed to win back the confidence of people in the firemen's dispute. Of Armed Forces, the police and it is most important that we agree a benchmark for the appropriate position for them. appropriate position for them in the earnings table in the future.

mic growth would be reversed if the Government's 10 per cent

limit on overall earnings was swept away by excessive wage

Meanwhile, they should accept the 10 per cent as a limit applied to everyone and look forward to the fulfilment next year of their long-standing wish for a reduction in working hours from 48 to 42 hours a week."

to be serious enough to warrant offences than those listed inclusion on the Police annually in the crimines National Computer at Hendon, statistics but covers offences The computer, which came under common law as well as into use in 1974, has greatly others, including the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, as amended by the Rabies Act and Order, 1974, and the Game Act,

> affection, obstructing the police, offences against public order, offences under the Rent Act,

Convictions for attempting, inciting, aiding or abetting any of the 53 categories of offences are also "recordable offences."

While the computer was being built questions were raised about the amount of information that would be stored and its nature. In 1972 the Police Review said that once a person went on file in the computer his name would remain there until the police considered he

main members are the big three of RHM, Spillers French and Allied Bakeries. As in the last strike, private bakers would escape the effects for as long as they could obtain flour. long as they could obtain flour.

Mr Samuel Maddox, general secretary of the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union, said the result of the ballot of its 57,000 members in England and Wales, would be known about next Wednesday. Scotish bakery workers are not involved. "It is up to the men now", he said. "We have formally rejected the offer, but they have to decide."

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The main difference between the main outerence perween the union and the employers is over the consolidation for over

over the consolidation for overtime purposes of the £6 phaseone award and the £2.50.£4
phase-two agreement. Mr
Maddox said that after three
months' negotiation members
were impatient.

The employers are cautiously
hopeful that a confrontation,
which would discort Christmas
supplies, will be avoided. Mr
David Duke-Evans, director of
the federation, said there was
no indication of a strike. He
hoped the union would not alide
into a position of "irresponsible
provocation. We are not looking provocation. We are not looking for confrontation", he added. The federation says that to meet the full claim would breach the Government's earnings guidelines. The union, it adds, is seeking three days' extra annual leave.

disruption would out jobs seriously at risk, and pointed to the closure of Hawleys, a big independent bakery, after the last

A winter's tale

The Scene section of The sents a celebration of winter, and offers advice on how to survive, enjoy, understand and even love the months when sur and spirits are at a low ebb.

Police computer files Ruling 'means junior doctors can be thrown on scrap heap' Mr Heath is By Annabel Ferriman A new agreement to protect the jobs of junior hospital doctors awaiting consultantships is to be sought from the Department of Heakh and Social Security after a decision yester day by the Bupployment Appeal The tribunol Health Service had never been whether or not it is legally correct, is morthly intally wrong. The said the was conscious that many consultants worked that the law was not recipient in the said the was conscious that many consultants worked that the law was not into a training post and train the finding of interests of patients. He also to have a contract more closely to have a contract more closely and make it last for as long or related than at present to work of the number of the said he was conscious that many consultants worked that the law was not willing to define the term totally committed to the interests of patients. The authorities were able to have a contract more closely to have a contract more closely and make it last for as long or related than at present to work of the said he was conscious that many consultants worked that the law was not willing to define the term totally committed to the said he was conscious that many consultants worked that the law was not willing to define the term totally committed to the said train in the medical contract more closely to have a contract more closely and make it last for as long or related than at present to work or the said he was conscious that many consultants worked that the law was not willing to define the term totally committed. The tribunal tribunal

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The tribunal upheld the dismissal last March of Dr Arun Baksi, a senior registrar at Liverpool Royal Infirmary, because his period of postgraduate training was considered over. He was deemed to have reached the standard of a consultant, even though he had been unable to get a consultant post. His appeal was supported by the British Medical Association.

Mr Justice Kilner Brown, presiding over the tribunal in London, said it was a sad case and Dr Beksi had had a raw deal. The quality of the services he had rendered the National

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Labour Reporter

bakers hangs

Militant bakery workers

leaders want to start their trade's second bout of indus-

trial action in three months over pay. But this time the de-

of an increase of a tenth by the Federation of Bakers, whose

industrial tribunal in June, which said that Dr Baksi's emwhich said that he beast's em-ployers, the Liverpool Area Bealth Authority (Teaching) had a responsibility to junior doctors waiting on the promo-tion ladder and were therefore justified in dismissing him after he had held his post for four and half years.

Dr Robert Mistead, chairman of the British Medical Associa-tion's Hospital Junior Scaff Committee, said yesterday that the outcome of the case meent that junior doctors were clearly not protected by the employor protected by the employ-ing ended.

Dr Beksi, eged 38, who quali-fied at Calcutta Medical College ment legislation.

question but that he is com-petent. No one should undergo such a long period of training and fail to get a career post simply because one does not exist. It shows that the Government has allowed a structure to evolve in which half of those training will not be able to ob-tain the posts for which they have been trained."

Dr Milstead said they would be looking for a new agreement whereby people in the position of senior registrars would not be "simply thrown on to the screp heap" when their train-ing ended.

He is now a supernumerary senior register in Chester, a post offered to him by the area authority after he announced that he was taking it to a tribunal. He said vesterday that he did not know whether he would go to the Court of Appeal.

Minister's warning: The Gov-ernment camot permit the new contract for the 12,500 hospital consultants to the L.Sou inspect consultants to drive a coach and horses through the pay guidelines. Mr Emals, Secre-tary of State for Social Services, said last night in a speech to the Colchester Medical Society (Our Health Services

Alternative vote

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first preference, and if no can-

inist preference, and it no candidate has achieved over 50 per cent of the votes cast at this stage, the caudidate, with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and his votes redistributed according to second preferences against his name. This process shall continue uptil one candidate

system for

did not see a new and more flexible contract as a way to break the Government's pay

guidelines. He was sure that consultants accepted that pay policy applied so them as much as to others and that it applied to any new contract as much as

"I cannot pretend that I am attracted by an industrial rather than a professional type con-tract", he said. "I suspect that many consultants themselves have doubts about this new type of work-sensitive contract. But that is for the profession consultants themselves

suggested as new Tory chairman

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Conservative MPs and offi-cials were quick to repudiate yesterday a suggestion made in a magazine article that Mrs natcher may be considering the appointment of a successur chairman, who has recently had an operation for cancer. The author of the arricle in

Time and Tide, calling himself just "A Conservative", pro-posed that Mrs Thatcher in choosing a new "trumpeter" for the party should settle on Mr Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister and party

"Mrs Thatcher is a enough leader to risk a chairman with charisma", he wrong He said that the Tory Party he said that the Tory Party had a comperant, if unexciting front bench under a leader who was rapidly establishing herself as a formidable national figure and was readily accepted, even if with residual incredulity, as the alternative Prime altinister. Most Conservatives assumed that the author was a back-bencher. Mr Patrick Cornack, MP for Staffordshire, Sombwest, is an associate editor of The article emphasized that

The article emphasized that in the eyes of party members the chairman had a position second only to that of the leader. Wherever he went he could command large audiences. Although the front bench was competent, there had never been a greater need for a "trumpeter" chairman, "someone who can speak with vigour, rouse enthusiasm within the one who can speak with rigour, rouse enthusiasm within the ranks of the faithful and, even more important as the general election fast approaches, reach out to a wider audience with the message that the Tory party is indeed a national party ".

suggests.
"He is too big a man to see

either request as demotion, or to refuse it." Mr Heath was the

man who would kindle the Tory

At Conservative Central Office yesterday there was no great enthusiasm for the idea. It was pointed out that Lord

Thorneycroft, who has had an operation for cancer of the

bowel, has now recovered and this week returned to full-time duties. He took part in a tele-vision programme on Thursday. He has recently returned from

a recuperation trip to Barbados. Those close to Mrs Thatcher

period after his defeat in the election for the lendership, are still far from cordial. Although she has been much concerned about Lord Thorneycroft's illness, she is most unificly to move in the direction recommended in the article.

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is indeed a national party".

In a gentiemanly way the author expressed the hope that Lord Thorneycroft would soon be restored to health, but he pointed out that the chairman had had two long periods of illness, and he was nearly 70.

"If Mrs Thatcher feels, as well she might, that she still needs his sage counsel and advice she should follow precedent and either make him joint chairman of the party (Lord Poole in 1963), or even ask him to become deputy", the author suggests.

The details, rather than the principles, should be examined in select committee, which could call ministers and civil servents as witnesses. With that com-

mittee's report to hand, the Bill would then proceed through Parliament in the normal way, with a guillotine if imperative.

be adopted.

The amendment explains:

"Each elector shall have one wore, which he shall list in order of preference 1, 2, 3, erc, up to the total attender of candidates. Within this total the elector may use as many preferences as he wishes.

The Returning officer shall distribute votes according to

Airport director is suspended

Mr Geoffrey Seller, director of Leeds-Bradford zirport, Yeadon, has been suspended on full pay during inquiries into alleged irregularities at the

New method for Bills on constitution

suggested By Fred Emery Political Editor .

Castigating the guillotined rush of the Scotland Bill as part of a lengthening government's parkismentary crime theer. Mr Francis Pyon has suggested an alternative pro-cedure for constitutional Bills. It might take up to three years each time, but that was no more than had already been spent on devolution.

Mr Pym, Conservative front bench spokesman on Bouse of Commons affairs as well as the devolution Bills, discussed his all-party consultative proposals in a speech ar Kirling, New-market, last night.

First, an all-party conference or committee should examine principles and issues raised and suggest options, which the Cou-mons would then discuss but not rote upon at this stage. Mr Mark Goodman, aged 20, of Los Angeles, with Mrs Ray Goodman, aged 77, the former second wife of his grandfather, of Maida Vale, London. They announced their plans to marry yesterday, despite legal

Then the Government should produce a Bill on the basis of those discussions, incorporating alternatives, perhaps so that they could all be seen in legislative form. The House should then come to a conclusion on its basic choice.

By Our Political Staff
The Scottish untionalists yesterday tabled an amendment to the European Assembly Elections Bill proposing that the alexandrive vote system should be adopted. As matters stood with the Scotland Bill, only 14 out of 41 clauses had been discussed. Those proceedings "have shown just what sort of a government this is. No wouder they want to abolish the House of Lords. That House might stop the onward march of rule by decree ", he said.

name. This process shall continue until one candidate achieves an absolute majority. That was unnounced yesterday by Mr Brian McAndrew, chief personnel officer of Bradford than the regional list system of proportional representation proposed in the Ball.

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Labour 'planning | Equity awaits cue on threatened theatre some eyebrows in the union. A unusual procedure of inviting

The occupation and subse-quent takeover of the University Theatre in Newcastle upon Tyne by Equity, the actors union, may have helped to preserve a repertory company on Tyneside. However, it looks as if the new company will be based in a different theatre. When the Tyneside Theatre Trust was forced to close after losses of about £100,000 in the University Theatre, local Equity members were determined to keep the theatre open. The union started an occupation and eventually took a lease from Newcastle University for a 13-

week season. Equity's involvement in theat-rical management has raised

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

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Eccentricities provided the top
prices of Sotheby's sale of Scientific instruments, clocks and
watches yesterday, which rotalled
£148,011, with 4 per cent ansold.
John Russell's selenographia, an
instrument dating from 1797, made
£11,500 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000),
to Quaritch. It is a globe representing the visible surface of the
Moon and equipped with bress
apparatus for mailing astronomical
calculations.
Russell's map of the Moon was
the largest and most accurate pro-

the largest and most accurate produced up to that time. The piece had passed through Phillips's auction rooms earlier this year at \$2,500.

ton rooms earner this year at £2,500.

A sixteenth-century polyhedral sundial and clock mounted on a pillar decorated with putti and delphins made £6,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) to Manmheimer. A gold honting-cased one-minute tourbillon by Auguste Courvoisier and Company made £7,200 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

Sotheby's sale of Continental furniture, works of art and carpets made £103,560, with 4 per cent unsold.

In Paris on Wednesday Ader et

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In Paris on Wednesday Ader et Picard held three important sales. At Drouot Rive Gauche their book sale included a copy of Buffon's Histoire Naturelle des Oiseaux (10

Measuring instrument for

Moon fetches £11,500

panies and artists, is expected to cost Equity about £15,000.

Thus it has been anxiously awaiting the results of deliberations between Northern Aris.
Tyne and Wear Council about
which new repertory company
they will subsidize to replace
the Tyneside Theatre Trust.

However, Equipping likely to the Tyneside Theatre Trust.

However, Equity is likely to
be dismayed by the news that
the preferred solution is to put
any new company into the New
Tyne Theatre, which, despite it;
name, is more than a century
old and used to be a chaema
specializing in X certificate
films until the building was
taken over recently by smateur
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volumes in four), published in Paris in 1770-85, at 225,000 france or 525,568; on October 27 another copy made 155,000 francs in Paris. Wednesday's was a fine copy in a contemporary buiding with all the bird plates, but omitting the 35 plates of insects

The sale of Old Master pictures at the Palais d'Orsty paralleled the unpredictable pattern of London sales, with bidders going far beyond estimates on a few elected Dutch seventeenth-century works of special decorative quality.

A river scene on panel by Adam Willaerts' made 700,000 francs (estimate 150,000 to 200,000 francs) or 579,545.

(estimate 150,000 to 200,000 francs) or 179,545.
Christie's yestermy held their last, minor, sale of Impressionist and modern art of a week which has seen a series of specialized sales in the field. The total was 169,990, with 35 per cent unsold. The Loudon dealers, Baskert and Day, reported yesterday that they had purchased Munnings's "Unsaddling enclosure, Epsom" in the Stubbs appeal ancion at the Tate Gallery on Wednesday hight on behalf of Mr Paul Mellon. All the main works at that sale-

All the main works in that sale appeared cheap; the Munnings sold at £6,800. Of the four paintings given by Mr Melion for sale,

three falled to reach the minimum prices which the Tate had set on

companies and individuals to tender for running a repertory meatre in Newcastle. The appli-cants have been whittled down

complications.

they contained rocker laun-chers, arms and ammunition.

He said that the man who received them, Seamus Mo-Collum, aged 55, told detectives he was running his business for

accused of prosperacy to import arms into the Itiah Republic and of being a member of the Provisional IRA. He was remainded in custody until

January 13.

He was arrested last Saturday

under the republic's Offences against the State Act, Mr. Myles. Sheviin, his solicitor, applied yesterday for Mr McCoffum to be freed on ball.

be freed on bell.

Mr Burke, opposing the granting of bail, and he believed Mr McCollara would not turn up for triel. The case and international implications.

Cyprus link is alleged in

IRA 'gun-running' case

Electrical transformers shipped from Cyprus to Ireland were "shells in which firearms were hidden", the Special Criminal Court in Dublin was told yesterday by Det Supt Middle Abbey Street, Dublin. Michael Burke, He added that He described it as a front company.

"a certain organization".

Mr Birke said.

The police had information that transformers had been sent

meane have been whittled down in two, who are being interviewed today.

Whichever group is chosen, Northern Arts and the county council seem convinced that the 1,400-sear New Tyne Theatre will be a more suitable base that the 1 Townstable believe the University Theatre, despite its modern facilities, is no small to be farmacially visible, while the New Tyne Theatre, despite its age and the money that must still be spent on renovations, has the necessary space barkstage and for audiences.

Shop steward decline to attend inquiry

Mr Alan Thornett, the shop steward known as "the Mole", declined to attend a union inquiry in Oxford yesterday to answer allegation of bringing the union into disrepute.

A leading member of the Workers' Socialist League, Mr Thornett was one of 11 members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at the Leyland assembly plant at Cowley summoned to appear.

ley summoned to appear.

Mr Thornett was returned to power on Wednesday when workers elected senior stewards, workers elected senior stewards, but his viciory has created a difficulty for Leyland and the union. The company have renewed their opposition to accepting him as a senior steward, and Mr David Buckle, union district secretary, said last night: This poses a very serious problem for us. I think we are running into a very difficult period at the Cowley assembly plant.

A left winger, Mr Robert Fryer, who was elected as

Fiver, who was elected as senior shop steward, did appear before the inquiry. The findings will go to the union's regional committee, who can reprimand or citied the more

. Corrections

From our inquiries it is known that McCollum lived in Ireland from 1958 until 1965. He was not heard of here sgain up to his arrest." Rise in British tourist traffic to Eire

a company known as the Progress Electrical Company in Middle Abbey Street, Dublin. He described it as a front

When expessed at his flat in Sandycove, Mr McCollenn said he was John O'Neil, and had an Irish passport in that name, Mr Burke said.

Company in Dublin to Antwerp

to be delivered to a man in Limasol, Cyprus. In Limasol,

the transformers were said to be found to be defective and sent back to Ireland.

Mr Burke added that when they reached Antwerp again, however, they were discovered

no contain arms, ammunition and rocket launchers.

By Michael Baily British tourist traffic to the Irish Republic is sharply up this year. The total is expected to be nearly 850,000, after falling from 1,100,000 in 1969 to 785,000 last year.

The Irish Tourist Board yesterday attributed the rise to a
strong panintageal campaign
last spring and the fact that
people are beginning to
understand again that Ireland
is good value."

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British Rail Sealink, whose traffic was a third up last summer compared with 1976, is to introduce a new summer route next year from Fishguard to Dun Laoghaire.

Continental tourist traffic to the republic also increased this year. The total tourist traffic is expected to appreach the 1969 record of \$4900,000.

Regries halted: The collapse of a ramp at Dun Laoghaire laited weekend car ferry services with Holyhead (the Press Association reports). Additional services for cars will be arranged today, between, Fishguard and Rosslare.

Journalists' pay deal

The Institute of Journalists yesterday agreed to accept a conditional 10 per cent pay deal for its provincial members. Mr Robert Farmer, general secretary of the assitute, said it would mean £7.35 a week to all income first.

The fire of \$1.05 quoted on Detember 6 as the cost of the journey from the new Heathrow Central Underground stistion to Mccadilly Circus is the adult cheap day return fare. The single fare will be 50p. The "kiss-and-ride" bay, where motorists can set down or pick up Underground passengers, is at Easton Cross, station on the airport perimeter. Lord Camous, president of the Mail Users' Association, qualified his statement, reported on December 2 that posted charges would rise text year by adding "unless preventive action is mken preventive action is taken quickly

Weather forecast and recordings



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A deep and complex low, will be slow moving W of Ireland as troughs of low pressure cross all prolonged; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

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or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

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Tomorrow Sun rises: 3.52 pm Moon rises : Moon sess : 8.13 am

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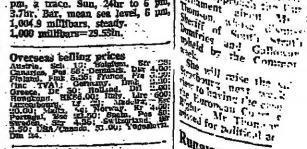


Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, periods of rain; whid SE strong to gale, perhaps serier gale; max temp 8" or 9"C (46" in 48"F). Outlook for tomorrow and Mon day: Showers and sunny interval but also longer outbreaks of rain

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 8 pm, 11°C (52°F); min, 6 pm m 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 9 pm, 81 per cent. Rain, 240r to 6 pm, 2 trace. Sun, 240r to 6 pm, 2 trace. Sun, 240r to 6 pm, 1,004.9 millibars, steady.

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Social Services Correspondent psychiatric patients and the single homeless will get up to 2,000 more hostel places a year under an initiative announced Corporation. It expects to spend about £17m next year on sup-porting bostel projects offering significant amount of care to

The initiative removes the barriers preventing the Housing Corporation from financing specialized hostel projects for minority groups, including former offenders. Until now the corporation has been mable to approve more than a handful of of support for residents, making them inclinible for housing.

The Department of the Environment, which provides the floance for the corporation to change the rules. Housing tial amount of care, provided the cost of the "caring element" is met from other.

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able to apply for grants to develop purpose-built or rehabilitation schemes for dis-

The corporation expects to divert about 5 per cent of its than ten times the amount has been able to spend on them so far. The first requests for grants are expected in the spring, and the first scheme is expected to open in about

As well as providing capital grants for much needed hostels, the initiative could result in more physically handicapped people being able to leave residential homes and patients in psychiatric hospitals being able to return to the community. Thousands of people are in homes and hospitals only hecause there is no accommodathey can receive the support

they need.

The intuitive comes after a working group, including representatives of the five man government departments involved agreed that a change never form more then a tiny proportion of overall housing

accommodation and that still makes sense in housing terms. he said. "We are really talking tion with voluntary organiza a high degree of residential tions, which will provide the care which must be a social specialist caring skills services responsibility."

Milk to go up 1p a pint as pricing system changes

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent The price of milk will rise by 10 a pint to 123p on New Year's Day. It will be the first increase since last May and will mark the end of the three-yearold milk subsidy and the start

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, admitted yesterday that the rise would give farmers less than the Government had led them to expect. He had been asked in April what the price in 1978 would be and had calculated it

Farmers would in fact receive only 49p or 50p, partly because high prices of tea and coffee had cut demand for them and therefore for milk, he said. He believed that dairy farmers had enjoyed their best year for profits in real terms since 1972. His decision was immediately criticized by the farming and milkmen's lobbies for opposite

increased distribution costs. The minister has effectively reduced the producer's return over the four months from December to April by about 2p s gallon."
Sir Henry Plumb, president

of the National Farmers' Union, said that the rise would damage confidence on dairy farms. He lating ferm prices.

The Dairy Trade Federation, which represents milk distributors, said the rise in retail prices was too bigh. Mr Joim Owens, the director-general, said the price should be frozen

st 121p until the autumn of next year. The January rise might stop the recovery from low consumption that had just On New Year's Day the transi-tional period of British member-ship of the EEC and present ways of pricing milk and other farm produce will end. "There are quite a lot of farmers who do not understand that the

Fears for Worcester's architectural heritage

Empty buildings and signs of urban deal for Servicemen disease worry conservationists

"Worcester is an ailing city, showing no sisigns of early recovery. Is population is dropping, its historic heritage is descending into decay, its business and grade are falling away, tourists and shoppers are defecting to after more welcoming towns.

Such words appearing as editorial configent in the local Evening News last year, might at first glands appear unduly pessimistic. EDespite hideous tastic difficulties which appear to have been gracerbated rather than relieved by a baffling one way, system, worcester remains

But earlied this year the newspaper's gloomy prognosis was supported by a survey published by the Boal civic society. It maintained with a more than balf the

tisive emote, is total of 261 out of 486. Of these 261, more than half were kissed as of historic or architectural interest.

In recent imports concern about Worceher's plight has becam to takelon a more than merely parachall tings. Conservationists are inverted about the threat the desuge poses to many of the 900 rigid buildings in the city, but there is also a fear that the urbandasses that has afflicted places like Birmingham and Liverpool may be starting to innight smaller towns and cities.

The two palgens both interlaces and conflict. Ten years are concount boom, the main debate was origined desuge to make an economic boom, the main debate was origined as estimation of historic areas of the destruction of historic areas of the city to make way for her offices, shopping precincts and car parks.

Mr Mclocke Nixon a fecturity at Chekenfism School of Architecture and former chairman of the Worcester Civic Society, concelles that the pendulum has since swung sharply in the opposite direction.

He maintains that it has still not swung he election to the idea of conservation. The says, but you can designed to the idea of conservation. The says, but you can designed to the idea of conservation. The says, but you can designed to the idea of conservation. The says, but you can designed to the idea of conservation of the civic society in 1974 after a heated annual meeting at which activists claimed that the society had feeled to be an effective weatchdor. They were supported by Mr Tamothy Contell of the Civic Trust, who wrote at the time to the society urging it to take a stronger line in opposing the demolition of historic buildings.

However, a walk through the city centre today, past old and new buildings festooned with "For Sale" and "To Let."



stach evidence or economic difficulties may well carry more weight among local people than arguments about conservation. A sample poll last year indicated fivery little interest in environmental matters, and more than one concillor has argued that many listed buildings are alumn and should be pulled down.

be pulled down.

Mr Treyor Wade, editor of the Evening News, which has strongly supported the conservationists, argues that physical decay and economic decline are closely related. Progress is synonymous with conservation, and appropriate the tree in the same ot opposed to it", he says. The two go hand in hand." The council considers that the civic society's survey was "cursory". Its interest in the city's heritage has been demon-

which was used as the Royalist headquarters during the Civil War, and by its decision to forgo a compulsory purchase order on the late-eighteenth-century Countess of Huntingdon's chapel. That had been scheduled for demolition to makeway for an extension to the Guildhall.

architect, was appointed to advise on finding new uses for old buildings and to designate rotected areas. But Worcester desperately short of money; it receives a fraction of the grants made available to cities like Bath and Chester. like Bath and Chester.

An official of the city archi-

that were so, how could we have got them to agree to the strated, the council says, by the lem is that we simply have not restoration of the Commandery, got the powers that we need."

PARLIAMENT, December 9, 1977

Conservatives complain about raw

Britain's soldiers, sailors, and airmen were getting a raw deal, Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) said when opening a debate on pay and conditions in the armed forces and moving a motion calling on the Commencer on engine a

the Services. It is made in the hope of directing the Army, Navy and Air Force into the web or so-called solidarity of the trade union movement so that never again will the armed forces be able to protect the public against strikers who put the lives of the public at risk. The advocates of trade unions seek trade union power primarily and not the welfare of the forces.

fire of the forces.

How could it be said that trade unionism in the forces would have no effect on discipline, or that the Army could be kept out of politics? What shout the political levy? Officers and other ranks were so distillusioned with the pay review body that there was a demand for a negotiating body on behalf of the forces. The policy of "wait until April and you will get 10 per cent" was not good enough.

get 10 per cent " was not good enough.

The policy (he cominmed) of telling Servicemen to supplement their pay at a petrol pump or on a paper round or guiling pints in a pub is just not good enough.

The Government must come forward with a positive improved policy on Service pay. There should be an increase in forces, pay without waiting until April

Mir David Weitzman (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab) said there was a scatting article in *The Times* this morning and the Government must have regard to what was said there about the danger of soldiers leaving because they could not possibly exist on the wages they were now paid. the wages they were now paid.

Mr Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C) said the forces were facing failing efficiency because, pay was such that key men were leaving. But they could not afford to increase military pay at the expense of equipment. A new body must be established to deal with these things.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Size Lab) and that in record to

In Northern Ireland, there were some soldiers who had never been finere.

But the said) this Government has given their wives \$5,000, tax free, a year. (Conservative protests and interruptions) I shall spell it out. Captain Mark Phillips. That is who I am talicing about. Mr Winston Churchill (Stretford, C) on the Opposition front for information and I have given it. That soldier has never gone to Northern Ireland. Some who have come to my anchoe in my constituency have had at least four tours there. It is the most mopopular station which the British Army has. (Conservative shout of "Rubbish"). Mr Emilya Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L) said defence was one of the most vulnerable elements between the Government and the Liberals. The Liberals would not go along with the Government, on the projected defence cuts.

The country could not afford to have disgruntled and discontented Armed Forces upon whom increasing burdens were placed and who left they were being used as dogsbodies and losing out on their comparability with other occupations.

There was a fantastic amount of thypocrisy about the Govern-

Mr Winston Churchill, Opposition spokesman on defence (Streiford, C), said firemen's pay was in the public eye because they were on strike. A far graver crisis existed within the Armed Forces, only it was concealed by the fact that firey had no means of expression. The Government had broken faith with the Armed Forces by insisting on full comparability on charges while denoing comparability on pay.

It was regrettable that the Armed Forces Pay Review Body in their sixth report failed to state how far below the level of comparability the Armed Forces had fallen, but it was unacceptable for the Government to continue to deny this figure. Why the covernment?

He desired the minister to prope

He defied the minister to name any section of the community that had been more unfairly or callonsly treated by the Government than the forces. They felt frustrated, disillusioned and cheated

advantage of the fact that they had neither unions nor the right to strike. to strike.

Since the Government assumed office the miners had total pay increases of no less than 113 per cent, the average industrial earn-

cent, the average industrial earnings increased by 68 per cent, but the Armed Forces had a miserable 48 per cent. The Government's pay policies had been more fair to some than to others. It had been those with the biggest industrial muscle which had naised

When he visited Northern Ire-land surfier this week he was appalled at the conditions. There were units in Belfast and Lon-donderry working a 108 hour week. It was well known how deeply the Labour movement felt about sweated labour by the capi-talist, and even what they thought of George Ward who paid the average Grunwick worker 252 a week for a 44 hour working week. The Secretary of Sing for De-

tence feit so strongly about it he attended the picket line. Was there ever greater humbug or hypocrisy? Could he discover soy employer other than the Secretary of State for Defence who worked his employees a 108 hour working week, or find a single employer who paid less than Sop per hour for a skilled and daugerous job?

If the Minister of State (he contained) can find any capitalist employer so hard faced, so demanding, so mean, I will willingly be the first to stand in that picket line.

An indication of how wide-spread hardship was among the forces could be gained from that facet at in some units two thirds of all married men of the rank of lance corporal or below were drawing rent rebates.

Was it right that pilots or air traffic controllers had to go out and moonlight?

Mr Frederick Muller, Secretary of State or the state of the state of the stand moonlight?

their civilian counterparts.

Mr Churchill said it was wrong that men serving the country should be required to go out and take mosnigating jobs because of the poor levels of pay. They should be paid properly. The Government's Scrooge-like attitude was causing a great deal of personal hardestey.

Where the said in seven years the Provisional IRA has utterly failed to make so much as a pin-prick in the Armed Forces, the Secretary of State for Defence

failed to make so much as a pin-prick in the Armed Forces, the Secretary of Sinte for Defence and his senior colleagues have succeeded in the past seven mouths in particular in demoraliz-ing the Army not just in Northern Irdand but the men and women in all three fighting Services.

Mr Michael Shersby (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C) said he had three RAF stations in his constituency.

Noise levels in hospital 'unhelpful'

will pay more to cover the loss Mr Silkin said:

Ey John Roper Health Services Correspondent Amoying noise in hospital wards is a little below the exerage found on a London street corner, according to a study by doctors et St Mary's Hospital, London.

Patients admitted for

Patients edmined for the party slept less pently because of noise. Noise levels in a surgical ward and in an intensive care unit were higher mended limits at all times of the day. Loud, annoying noises were common.

The doctors, led by Professo Hugh Dudley, professor of Hugh Dudley, professor of Surgery at St Mary's, conclude in their report published in the British Medical Journal resterday that on the face of it the level of noise is unlikely to have a recover help patients to recover.
During the day the level of amoring poise taken with background levels reached 65

decibels in the ward and 72 decibels in the intensive care unit over eight hours. The continuous noise on a London street corner averaged between 70 and 80 decibels. At night the noise in the intensive care unit reached 62 decibels. Noise from respirators, suction tubes, sluices and other equipment and conversations among the staff were to blame. In the word, nurses fortsteps on wooden floors, coughing snoring and patients' cries added to the poise level.

and 9 am produced high noise Staff need to be educated about annoving noise, the doctors say. Ouleter floor cover-ing might help.

Vacuum cleaning between 8 am

Strasbourg plea on judge's case

Mrs Winifred Ewing, Scottish National Parry MP for Moray and Nairn, said yesterday that she will approach the European Parliament about Mr Peter Thomson, whose dismissal as Sheriff of South Strathclyde. Dumfries and Galloway, was upheld by the Commons this

She will raise the subject in Strasbourg next week with a view to having the case heard by the European Court of Human Rights. Mr Thomson was dis missed for political activities.

Runaway cow

A cow which went berserk after escaping from Salisbury cattle market yesterday crashed through the front window of a house and domaged furniture before being recaptured.

Some supermarkets forgo profit to sell turkeys

Correspondent
Torkey farmers opened their traditional season of high rurnover yesterday by saying that "retailers are giving housewives a 54.5m Christmas present". So stated Mr Raymond Twiddle, chairman of the British Turkey Federation, at a romoetition in London to competition in London to

a romoetition in London to find the heaviest turkey.

He was referring to the use of frozen turkeys in the prica war with which: supermarket companies are trying to wrest shores of the declining consumer market for food from each other.

The placing of turkeys in the same marketing category as sliced bread and washing nowder alarms butchers. They expect to sell turkeys at 500 a expect to sell turkevs at 500 a pound or a little more, while some supermarkers after them at little or no profit for the wholesale price of 46p or 47p

BBC to present

news bulletins

News bulletins in French

from France are to be broadcast on BBC 2. French viewers will

have seen the bulletin the same evening.

Tele-Journal, start on January 9. British viewers will see the 8 pm news from TFL the leading French news and current

sions are to be recorded by the Eurovision link.

Mr Terence Doyle, the producer, said: "We shall provide any necessary introduction, although the international events will already be familiar to British audiences. Seeing the way a French television channel

way a French television channel handles the news will give a

events, and insights into French home news stories."

The Government was accused vesterday of making empty promises in its campaign to per-

suade more employers to take on disabled people because its

The accusation was made by Mr Arthur Carr, head of a

rehabilitation and employment

service, who is running a cam-paign to reduce unemployment among the disabled.

markedly in the past year.

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The weekly broadcasts, called

French TV

a pound.

"It looks as mough virtually everyone will have a turkey for Christmas", Mr Twiddle said. "Approximately 11.5 million turkeys will be eaten over the holiday period."
For those who would spend Christmas alone and do not need a whole turkey the federation has invented turkey dishes made to look like fish fingers and park chaps. It fingers and park chops. It expected more then a million turkeys to be exten in that form.
The heaviest tarkey weighed 71lb 12oz, the same as the record reached in 1975. Twenty years ago the competition winner weighed less than 45lb.
Such has been the progress in the same and that today the

Mr John Michael Deakin and Mr John Willia, producers of the Yorkshire Television documentary, Johnny Go Home, were given leave in the High Court yesterday to challenge a

magistrate's order committing them for trial at the Central

Criminal Court on a charge of criminal libel in their book of

Their committal was ordered by Mrs Audrey Frisby at Wells

Street Magistrates' Court, London, on September 21 on a private prosecution brought by Mr

In the Queen's Bench Divi-

sional Court yesterday the two producers and Quartet Books

Ltd, of Goodge Street, London,

'Empty promises' on work for the disabled

reactive, who is running a cambonist to reduce unemployment the quota and only one of the ir was pointless to expect the mong the disabled.

Mr Carr said that the latest 16 nationalized industries is disabled people.

Charles Augustine

the same name.

Gleaves.

TV producers can challenge

and Futura Publications, of the criminal proceedings pend-Camberwell, London, publishers ing the full hearing of the High of the book, were given leave to Court proceedings.

issue of The Department of meeting the quota nor are any Employment Guette showed of the 14 regional health

that 15 government departments authorities.
were employing fewer disabled. Two thirds of the companies

were employing fewer disabled. Two thirds of the companies people than last year, with only two of the 30 departments meeting the 3 per cent quota imposed on private companies. The Department of Parameters of the companies in the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which says that companies employing more than 19 people must be companied to the companies of the companies in the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the companies of the companies in the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the companies in the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the companies in the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the quota which is a companied to the private sector are also failing to meet the private sector are also fai

imposed on private companies.

The Department of Employment employ enough registered uses shown to be employing 189 abled people to make up 3 per fewer disabled people last cent of the workforce.

Mr Carr said that until the

fewer disabled people tast
month than a year ago.

Further, only one of the 32
Government and other public authorities provided an example to expect the

criminal libel order

Probation for man who was eight years in Rampton

From Our Correspondent Sheffield Ian Adams, who spent eight

years in Rampton Hospital, was placed on probation at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday for three years. When a charge of murder was put to him again yesterday be changed his pleat to guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished respon-

the turgey world that today the average person has to work only 20 minutes to purchase one pound of turkey meat." Mr. Twiddle said. The comparable. Food prices, page 14 that within a year he might be

apply for orders quashing Mrs Frisby's decision to commit each of them for trial on char-ges under the Libel Act, 1843.

All four were also granted permission to apply for alternative orders requiring the

magistrate to hear defence evi-dence and submissions concern-ing Mr Gleaves's reputation and whether the committal orders

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, said to Mr. Brian Neill,

Richard Rampton, for the pub-lishers: "You appear to have

Lord Justice Comming-Bruce

and Mr Justice Park agreed

that there should be a stay of

more than 19 people must employ enough registered dis-

c; for the producers, and Mr

were in the public interest.

an arguable case

eble to live with his sister, Mrs Sylvia Lavender, at Larch Avenue, Bramley, near Rother

The judge said to Mr Adams : The judge said to Mr Adams:

You have been in custody for
eight years and I accept that I
should regard that as the equivalent of a 12-year prison sentence, taking into account
remission.

seers. When a charge of minder was put to him again years and I accept that I should regard that as the equivalent of a 12-year prison sent to guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Mr Adems, aged 27, had pleaded not guilty to mardering Mrs Frances, Maliett, aged 77, a widow and his great cunt, who was found strangled at her home in Stanley Terrace, Maliety, South Yerkshire, in July, 1969.

Mr Justice Borchan put him on probation on condition that he stayed under the care of Dr Mary Myers, a consultant psychiatrist. He well live in a lossel for the mentally subnostel for the mental subnostel for the mentally subnostel for the mental

Council plans to move into its own county

Northamberland County Council, which for three and a balf years has had to work from offices in another county, is likely to establish new perma-nent headquarters at Morpeth-about 15 miles north of Newcastle.

Under local government re-organization in 1974, the council found itself using its original headquarters at the Shire Hall, on the north bank of the Tyne. which had become part of the new metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear. The chairman, Lord Ridley,

aunounced yesterday that a spe-cial subcommittee had decided to recommend a £7m plan for a new county hall at Morpeth where 30 acres of land has been acquired. The Government Property

Services Agency is understood to be interested in buying the Shire Hall as a court extension:

Woman accused of three murders

Mrs Anna Marie Halverson, aged 33, of Meadow Road Worthing Sussex, was commit-ted at Worthing Magistrates' Court vesterday in custody for trial at Lewes Crown Court charged with murdering three elderly women.

She is charged with murder ing Jeanette Chalk and Edith Ansell, both aged 84, in 1974, and murdering Cha French, aged 68, in 1975. Charlotte

Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence (Dudley, East, Lab), said the Government had no quarrel with the basic thesis of Mr Page. Pay was the basic problem. They were in this situation because of pay policy. But it was not the first time the Pay Review Body had been under constraints in its recommendations because of this. Ministers and Service chiefs were well aware of the anxiety in the Services about their pay and conditions, which was justified. Comparability had been lost since the 1975 pay award.

Not so many years ago they were up against a statutory pay policy of the Tories.

It was an insufferable piece of impertinence and hyprocrisy for Conservative MPs to try to suggest that the Government had suddenly interfered with the Independence of the Armed Forces Pay Review

of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body.

They were in this difficulty because of pay policy. Many people, not only the forces, were in a position where they did not get overtime, or wages drift, and where they were tied down to a 10 per cent pay increases and had had charges that had been in excess of the increases they had been able to gain for themselves.

The Government regretted the fact that the forces found themselves, in this position. They were not unique in this respect. The not unique in this respect. The public supported the pay policy. About that there was no ambiguity and it would be nice to hear that echoed by Conservatives from fine to time.

Rise above 10 per cent ruled out The pay policy had two main constituents, the 12 mouth rule and, it was hoped, a ceiling of 10 per cent on earnings plus self-financing productivity deals. Many Conservatives had at least acknowledged that the forces were not contesting the first ingredient. Their due date was April 1. The mestion was what would the re-Their due date was April 1. The question was what would the review body recommend and what would be the Government's attitude to that recommendation. It was sad that Conservative MPs talked in terms of the work of that body being discredited.

There was a clear distinction between what the Armed Forces Pay Review Body recommended and what the Government swarded. This Government had awarded more than the review body recommended on one occusion.

The Secretary of State for De-The Secretary of State for Defence was determined to ensure that the military salary was brought up-to-date and full pay comparability restored as soon as pay policy permitted.

The review body was recommended to make recommendations in line with Government pay noticy.

policy.

The motion was agreed to.
House adjourned, 4.30 pm.

UK position on fishing understood .

The position of the United Kingdom in regard to fishing now seemed to be better understood by other members of the European Economic Community, Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a statement.

statement.

Reporting on the meeting of EEC agricultural ministers in Brussels from December 5 to 7, he said he again emphasized that a comprehensive and fully effective conservation programme would be an essential part of any future common fisheries policy.

However, it remains the Government's policy that a Communieriment's policy that a Commu-nity conservation policy, which must include measures to allow coastal member states to safeguard the stocks within their sovereignty or jurisdiction, cannot be adopted separately from decisions on access and quotas.

The question of division of resources is more difficult. The basis of our position is well known to the House The United Kingdon.

basis of our position is well known to the House. The United Kingdom is the member state which has lost most in distant waters and contributes most to the fish stocks in the waters of member states, but the present Commission proposals do not take proper account of these factors. They ought to do so.

I believe that at this Council I believe that at this Council there was a more widespread recognition that any quotes need to take account of distant water losses. I also believe that the general position of the United Kingdom is now better understood, although our contribution is not fully recognized, even now. The Council also agreed that existing conservation measures should continue unchanged until january 31.



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OVERSEAS....

Mr Vence will be in Israel until Mindiay ingraine, and he will then fly on to Benut, Demastris, Anguan had Ryadh. This means he will be out of the way of shots participating in the Corrections. (The United States is to be represented at the conference by his Affred Atherma, a senior State Department official).

Setback in

Egypt for

mission

Husain unity

Beirut, Dec 9.—King Husain of Jordan returned home to

visit to Egypt for talks with

President Sadat without flying

earlier this week.

Reports from Cairo indicated

that the King's talks with Mr Sadat had not gone well

The official Middle East News

wrong understanding of the concept of Arab solidarity

in Kuwait meanwhile Presi-dent Assad met Kuwaiti leaders on a tour simed at reliying Arab oil stores against Mr. Sadat.

Mr Assad arrived from Saudi Arabia and was expected to con-tinue his tour tomorrow with stops in the United Arab Enti-rates, and Quar.

The oil states, financial backers of the three Arab con-

hancers of the three Arab con-frontation countries Egypt. Syria and Jorden—disapprove of the Egyptian move but are expected in trade moderation. Agence France Presse and Remer.

Factory blast

Cartagena, Colombia, Dec 9.

-Twenty-one workers were killed and 30 injured in an ex-

plosion and fire at midnight at

the Abocol fertilizer plant on

Company sources said that machinery in the authoria treatment section had exploded.

the outskirts of Cartagens.

kills 21

will persuade more

.What this means is that they

know the chances of a settle

settlement. Or, as one official put it. even if Israel were machiavellian in its interest in

a separate agreement with

will have to find a way to for-

Israeli ministers will tell Mr Vance that their delegates will

OVERSEAS

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From Our Correspondent Amsterdam, Dec 9 Mr Andries van Agt, who will be the new Dutch Prime Minister within a matter of days, today started formal interviews with Christian Democratic and Liberal candidates for his new

centre-right Cabinet. Mr van Agt will have the distinction of leading one of the most unexpected governments in Dutch parliamentary history. It was formed more than six mouths after the elections on May 25 in which, by Dutch standards, the outgoing Frime Minister, Mr Joop den Uyl's Labour Party won a landslide victory by gaining 10 seats in Parliament and becoming the largest political party.

There was general agreement at the result of the election could only be interpreted as a mandate for the continuation of the den Uyl left-of-centre

Mr den Uyl now will be the Leader of the Opposition, which in itself is unusual Since ond. World War no outgoing Prime Minister has ever returned to Parliament to lead the Opposition.

Even the Dutch, used to the

to the butter, used to the intricacies of forming viable, if sometimes unlikely, political combinations are somewhat confused by the present situation. This is compounded by the fact that, whereas it took Mr. Agt's Christian Democrats five and a half months to ocialists was out of the ques-ion, it took Mr van Agr little nore than two weeks of almost eisurely bargaining with the Liberals to reach almost total

refused to approve his pact with the Liberals, than he had with his present coalition

It is obvious that Mr van Age feels far more at home with the Labour Party. While a class of person-alities is no doubt part of the reason why talks between the Socialists broke down; the basic stumbling block was mutual

The repidity with which the Democrats and Liberals managed to reach an agreement is partly due to the fact that much of the spadework had already been done in the earlier talks with the Socialists, partly to the relative vagueness of the present part and partly to the eagerness of the Liberals to govern.

The distribution of port-

The distribution of portfolios in the new Cabinet (Christian Democrats 12, Liberals six) also reflects the fact that while the Liberals fact that while the Liberals managed to clamb from 22 to 28 seats in the May elections and are now the third largest party, they are far behind the Chaistian Democrats who, with 49 seats, gained only one. It is expected that Mr was Agr's Government will survive for the time being if the legislation it proposes is not too concrements.

government. The Socialist opposition is however, expected to tread softly, at least until the county's political temperature is taken next March when provincial elections will take place.

£650m EEC plan for Mediterranean farms

A proposal to spend £650m over five years from the beginning of 1979 on modernizing and restructuring Mediterranean agriculture to meet the challenge of further enlargement of the EEC was unveiled here today by Mr Finn Olay Gundench, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture. The Commission's proposals are simed mainly at molifying the French and Italians who have indicated that their approval for Greek Spanish assistance for their in facing competition rm price proposals for

the 1978-79 crop year. These envisage an overall increase of 1.9 per cent in common prices, which it is estimated would raise food prices by 0.5 per cent on sverage and the cost of living by 0.1 per cent.

The real price increase received by farmers would vary greatly from one country to another, however, because of adjustments to the special "green rates" used to convert units of account, in which the common prices are expressed,

The Commission is proposing: that all member states should

tures on détente and Europe delivered in Austria by Mgr Agostino Cæsaroli, the Vatican

ber. The Cardinal one of the Pope's chosest advisers, argued that the Christian religion was the only possible basis for a future united Europe.

Inture united Europe, and to meet the country's economic and social problems while Mr. Gierek publicly recognized the Pope as a great figure in consemporary history. He also left the impression at the Vanisaw it as only a partial union.

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The increases for other countries would be as follows: West Germany, 0.8 per cent; Benefux, 1.8 per cent; Izeland, 2.3 per cent; France, 3.9 per cent; and Italy per cent. These figures are based on the gaps between green and market races existing at the end of last month.

that the Commission reserved its right to propose much big-ger adjustments to "green rates before EEC agriculture ministers meet take their final decision on the pirice package in February or March next Ministers will get their look at the proposals next versial proposals is the 2 per cent price rise for mit.

Italy replacing vineyards with higher quality vines and conversion of marginal vineyand acreage to other use in the Languedoc Roussillon region of France improve ment of marketing and distri-bution; and afforestation pro-

jects... Also covisaged are a number of market measures: costing some £190m a year, including subsidies to olive oil producers, side to fresh fruit and vegetable producers to enable accept a minimum one-seventh ducers, aids to fresh fruit and reduction next year of the vegetable producers to enable conditions would be complied. There and market values of subsidies to fruit and vegetable travelers found permission to inform Norway that these conditions would be complied. The rates and market values of subsidies to fruit and vegetable travelers found permission to inform Norway that these conditions would be complied. The rates and market values of subsidies to fruit and vegetable travelers found permission to inform Norway that these conditions would be complied. The rates and market values of subsidies to fruit and conditions would be complied. The rates and market values of subsidies to fruit and vegetable travelers found permission to inform Norway that these conditions would be complied.

Pope opens door to East and West



The Northern Ireland peace campaigners, Miss Mairead Corrigan (left) and Mrs Betty Williams, arriving at Oslo airport to receive the Nobels peace prize at a ceremony in Oslo University today.

Talks on Spanish police reform

Madrid, Dec 9
The Spanish Cabinet met today to discuss the reorganization of the police forces efter que country. In several serious, clashes with the police one man was killed and several in-

They include the creation of two police sectors: a civilian one responsible for craninal investigations, and a military one made up of the civil guard

of democratic rights. The civilguard, at the moment under
the control of the anned
forces, would come under the
Ministry of the Interior in
matters of public order.

Senter Rodolfo Martin Villa,
the Minister of the Interior,
visited Malaga yesterday,
where on Sunday a young
Communist was shot dead in a
demonstration. This gave rise to further demonstrations causing more than £1m worth of damage to property. The minister said that the Government

would pursue investigations.
He added that in certain cirtumstances, which he did not
specify, the police were emitled to use firearms to defend
themselves. He did not say

units about terrorism-warnin ical capital out of politically motivated acts of violence and

to move forward towards troop reductions in central Europe and will be more likely to do so

and will be more likely to do so saker the expected strategic arms indication treaty with the United States next year.

Memorable, Nato officials have been shaping a new set of proposals which could be presented at Vienda, perhaps in February, once the common data base has been agreed.

Nato is still insisting upon troop cuts which would bring down the farce levels on both sides of the levels of the level

demanting that the Russeans withdraw a tunk army from central Europe to help reduces the balance.

But the new initiative, at it, anderstood, is based upon a West German proposal which allows the Russians in remove not one complete tank samy but the equivalent of one with five divisions being removed.

Stop-start trawlers may fish again

British trawlers in the northeast Arctic were told yesterday that they may resume fishing in the Norwegian sector. This is the fourth stop-start instruction since the beginning of November and the British Skippers find that they will be stretched to catch their quota of cod before the end of the year.

out of the Norwegian sector at the beginning of November when the EEC quota which Norway unilaterally imposed was exceeded.

The French then revised their catch figures and Norway said on Wednesday the EEC could take another 2,650 tons under

certain conditions.

Apparently nobedy bothered to inform Norway that these conditions would be complied

ger role an international adjairs.

Mr Gierek's prescense in Moscow for the statistic anonyersary of the Russian Revolution should before coming to Rome is taken to mean that the Soviet Union is happy with his policy of seaking cheer cooperation with the Roman Catholic Chorch.

In his Vienna lecture Mer Casaroli placed these relations in a wider content by expressing his belief that amprovements in relations between the communist world and the Holy

Seamen's strike

Channel sailings

Paris, Dec 9. French scamen today decided to hait

men today decreded to fair
French ferry services between
France and England on Monday and Tuesday. Union
sources said they would also
try to stop boarding and landing of non-French ships.

Ports affected are Le Havre,
Dieppe, Calais, Boulogne and
Dunkirk.

Bonn Vice-Chancellor

Boon, Dec 9.—Herr Hans-Dierrich Genscher, the West German Vice-Chancellor and

Foreign Minister, was dis-charged from hospital here to-

leaves hospital

New move by Nato on troop reductions

From Henry Stanhope, Brussels Dec 9

Neto powers involved in the East-West talks on troop reduc-tions in course Europe have sent fresh instructions to their negotiating teams at Vienna which would pave the way for an initiative by the Wast early in the New Year.

The instructions concern the

shment of a continor data base for assessing troop levels on both sides. The reinc tence of both Nato and the Wersaw Pact to accept each tions on munici balanced force reductions gracted four years

Both Dr Luns, Neto Secre-bery-General, and Mr. Cyrus Vance, the United States Secrement of State, referred to the need for a common formula in separate press conferences at the end of the Nato Council

meeting there today:

Mr Vance described it as an ones in which one might be able to make the first step forward to a first agreement. The issue, he said, was fundamental to progress in the stagnated

that agreement on an acceptable formula for counting men and machines may be reached with the Russians before Christmas.

This optimism is founded Rome, Dec 9

The recent meeting here of bishops from West and East Europe has highlighted a remarkable few months in relations between the Vatican and the European nations.

The meeting coincided with the instoric visit to the Pope of Mr Gierek the Polish party leader. It took place immediately after two optimistic lectures on detente and Europe delivered in Austria by Mgr Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican and a number of communist. States was policy of seeking contents the called the first the Soviet Union. The Vatican feels that Poland to other first in the European nations.

The meeting coincided with the ideological split is the East European country most deserving encouragement and the European nations.

Addressing the Foreign Policy for the Russian Revolution that tension in relations between the Vatican and a number of communist. states was policy of seeking cipear cooperations between the Vatican and a number of communist. States was policy of seeking cipear cooperations. upon an exchange of views with the Soviet Union earlier this year and upon intensive back-room activity of Naro head-quarters during recent weeks. There is a feeling that the

No. Sources at New are hoping

It also means that the Ros sins may be able to withdraw
T62 tanks, as opposed to the
more modern T72s which are
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ow being introduced in large numbers.

A further concession might be that the West will guarantee a ceiting for the West German Army, which remains a Russian begev in troop discussions.

The council's finial communique called for a positive response from the Warsaw Pact powers to the last Nato instiative of December, 1975, which offerend to trade Nato factical nuclear, weapons, for Soviet, tanks in an attempt to get things moving.

Monks dance and sing in Frankfurt court From Patricia Clough

Boun, Dec 9

A group of Bare Krishne monks, in orange and white cobes and with shaven heads, danced and sang to the best of drums in Frankfurt's law courts coday as 10 members of the sect went on third on charges of trandulent beging.

delivered in Austrias by Mgr. Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican ber of communist states was now reduced.

The lectures in turn followed a semon and speech on European unity by Cardinal Benelli. The constanding example of this relaxation is in relations with the Roman Catholic Church. The Archibishop of Florence, at Ortobeuren, Bayaria in September. The Cardinal, one of the Pope's chosest advisers, argued that the Christian religion was and to meet the country's economics to take a number of communist states was policy of selding choser, chopera to communist states was policy of selding choser, chopera to provide of the Roman Catholic Church. In his Vience, Ective Mgr. Casaroli, placed rives, relations in a wider context by expressions in a wider context by expressions in a wider context by expressions. The Pope promised to support the Polish regime's economic of the context by a policy of selding choser, chopera to provide a serious was now reduced.

The outstanding example of this relaxation is in relations of the character of the financial context by expressions in a wider conte The monks are a familiar sight in many European cities, where they chant and dance in the streets collecting money for hungry children in India. The leaders of the West German the only possible basis for a future united Europe, and to meet the country's economic and social problems while the Pope as a great figure in consemporary history. He also policy all his life, may be looking out and tiad good relations with it. However the Holy See saw it as only a partial union, man branch of the sect ere-accused of sending to India-only DM15,000 (£3,700) of the DM2.4m they collected in 1974, and keeping the rest for them-

> Investigations culminated with a police raid on the sect's The trial is extemple at Schloss Renershof in about six months.

the Tannus Hills, near Frank-furt, in December, 1974, when 70 monks were detained. Two members allegedly escaped in Switzerland with large sums of

money.

Two pistors and a randway
boy were found in the building Some of the group are also charged with possessing wea cons, abduction of a major, sup-pressing documents, embersio-ment and theft. The monks have retained 29 lawyers to defend

The mal was interrupted every 90 minutes for the monks prayers. During the intervals the group; who had been ordered to leave their drums outside during proceedings, let loose with more songs and shouts bringing the alarmed security chief to the scene.

The trial is expected to last

Lisbon search for Cabinet

From Our Own Correspondent Lisbon, Dec 9
President Eames of Portugal

has begun talks in an actempt to find a new Covernment efter the fall of the Socialist Covern-ment led by Dr Mario Soares yesterday.

After consultations with leaders of the three leading non-socialist parties yesterday, he received the single deputy of the National Democratic Union Parry, who also voted against the Socialists, this morning. President Eanes is also seeking advice from the Council, of the Revolution, an advisory body set up to give him counsel on constitutional and national

matters. The council is a sort of watch committee, appointed to guarantee fidelity to the spirit of the revolution of April 25, 1974. The President arended its weekly meeting this

M Giscard dines with teachers

Paris, Dec 9—President Giscard d'Estaing, who has made it an occasional precice in dioe with an ordinary French family, was the guest of M Jean Marie, a headquester; and his teacher wife at Mont-morency less night.

The spokesman said: "No agreements have been made, but we are prepared to consider all possible elements which

Salesman Israel hopes Mr Vance "completed operation for surgeon

persuade other Arab states to

The operating theatre is ushed. Masked nurses can ment with Egypt are much better if it is presented as part of a move towards an overall barely hold back rears. All eyes niracle-worker as, with astound extract some key malfunction-ing component from the patient. nity, he looks towards his sunmulate our position towards the ion is relaxed. Another opera-Palestinian problem and the other Arab states which would enable President Sadat to reach

The familiar scene from television soap operas is played out regularly in real life in New York's hospitals. The difference is that sometimes me man with the magic fingers is not a quali-fied surgeon at all, but a sales-man of medical equipment. This was revealed yesterday at state legislative hearings in

Vance that their delegates will be taking to Cairo three basic terms: A draft treaty between Israel and Egypt which Mr Dayan gave to the American Administration in September; resolutions 242 and 338 of the United Nations Security Council; and the Israeli-American synthing paper on procedure for New York, looking into allega-tions that salesmen sometimes perform surgery. The most startling evidence came from Mr George Schott, a salesman who said that in 1972 he helped a surgeon with some difficult

new air-driven power surgical saw. The surgeon was testing it The reason, said Mr Schott, was that the surgeon had the 2in blade at the wrong angle. So the salesman, who had practised previously only on cow bones, completed the job. He

Another salesman, Mr Larry Kluge, said that he was watching an operation to insert an artificial knee which his farm had supplied, and saw that it had been put in backwards. The surgeon did not spot the mistake until Mr Kluge pointed it out; then he took the knee out and put it back the right way,

level. Both in Egypt and Israel, they point out, major decisions affecting the shape of a settlement can be taken only at the highest political level. In Israel's case, these decisions are likely to be influenced by the national debate which is only beginning. **Brandt North-South** commission meets

Bono. Dec. 9.—Herr Willy Brandt, the former West Germen Chancellor, today werned the world against expecting too much from the new Inter-mational Commission of Rich and Poor Nations when it met for its inaugural session today. The Independent Commission on Instructional Development

and developing nations. Chaired by Herr Brendt, it consists of even representatives from the from developing gations.

It was formed on the initia-

Observers said the King, who is trying to restore Arab solidarity after the split caused by President Sadar's recent wish to Israel, would probably not go to Saudi Arabia beffire next week. Het met President Assad of Syria in Demastas earlier this week. tive of Mr. Robert, McNemers, the World Bank cresident, when the horth-South dialogue in Paris, actioned only measure receives.

Addressing commission members and guests at the opening ceremony in Gynenich Castle about 20 miles from Bonn, Herr sgencq quoted the President as saying that the King had offered to mediate between Egypt and Syria, but had a saying an experiment of the Brand: said no one could be certain whether the commission would succeed in adopting a common attendocent at the end of its 18-month work.
Speaking in English, he said Mr. Sadat war also quoted as saying he regested. King linesin's decision not to estend the pre-Genera talks with locael and the United States in Cairo next week unless all, parties to the Middle East conflict took

to improve cooperation between

ing states in the interest of world peace. I am looking forward to the intellectual adventure, which we are engaging in here. he addde. Four other former heads of

government, Mr Edward Heath of Britain, Mr Olaf Palme of Sweden, M Plerre Mendez-France of France and Schor Edwardo Frei of Chile, are on the Commission

dosenian Foreign Minister: Mr dosenian Foreign Minister; Mr Amir Jamal, Tanzania's former Minister of Industry and Trade; Sir Shridath Ramphal, Secre-tary-General of the Common-wealth; and Mr Layachi Yaker, vice-president of the Algerian National Assembly. The United States, Japan and Canada are also represented.

perts of the permanent staff are holding private meetings over the weekend to discuss the pro-gramme of action.

regular intervals to review the work of a permanent staff of about 12 experts in Geneva which is expected to start work on January 1.
President School of West

Germany, told the opening session that industrial states must increase their aid contributions and open their markets for proand open their markets for products from the Third World.
Political leaders in Western democracies, he said, had not yet succeeded in convincing their people that sacrifices had to be made to reduce North-South friction.—Reuter.

More South Africans die in border war with Swapo From Our Correspondent

Johannesburg, Dec 9

Three more South African Ince more south Arrican soldiers have been killed on the border of Namibia (South-West Africa) and Angola in what is developing into a sharply intensified war with Swapo (South-West Africa Peoples Organization) guerrillas.

Peoples organization) guernias. Scanty details released by Defence Headquarters in Pretoria today said that the soldiers—a sergeast, corporal and rifleman—were killed near the border. The statement added; "Drag marks were later found in the area indicating that some terrorists may have been killed or wounded."

how many South Africans were

The South Africans are training black troops, mainly from the Orambo tribe, for the border war but have denied that they are involved directly with forces of the Unita Move-ment, which is fighting a guerrilla war in Angola against the MPLA Government One reason why the talks on

a : constitutional solution for Namibia between the South African Government and envoys of the five Western powers are proceeding slowly is because the South Africans know accurately the military situation on the border. Swapo is mounting a much

As usual, the Pretoria state more serious attack than it meur gave no indication of was a year ago, and the was a year ago, and the South Africans are determined not to withdraw troops while a threat to peace exists. machinery in the samonia from a mounded. Just over a mount mined not to withdraw troops starting fires and releasing toxic gases. They estimated damages at \$2m [film]. Residents fled from a village near by after about 10 children were affected by the gases. Reuter.

In the samonia in the wounded, Just over a mount mined not to withdraw troops while a threat to peace exists the death of a lieutenant and Strategists believe that the six NCOs in a border clash. Ovambo homeland which faces and it is noted here that the border could be overrun in latest figures include two more affected by the gases. Reuter.

Deal on Belize independence in sight By Roser Berthoud or the border. Mr Edward Row Price, the Belize Premier, who Britain and Guatemaks appear lands. Minister of State at the attended the Washington new to be moving nearer to a deal Foreign Office held talks in tiations. The description of the Belize Premier, who attended the Washington new to be moving nearer to a deal Foreign Office held talks in tiations. Bridgetown Barbados, Der 9.

Belive, whose territory it has mainly in the "marging" of the long, channed, probably in United Nations the British colony.

A Foreign Office spokesman said possible elements which might countibute to a peaceful been having confidential, supportantly discussions with the Gratemalans in an attempt to establish a basis for a further round of negociations. The last full negotiations took tory discussions."

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The strong implication is that conactiling with Britain doubling some sort of territorial deal is its garison in Belize, after possible providing it can be Guatemalan troop movements unde acceptable to Mr George

Rridgetown Barbados, Der 9:

Officials of nine Caribbean and Latin American countries meet in Jamaica today to dis-cuss developments in the Belize-Guatemala territorial dispute,

Guatemala territorial dispute, including reported pressures on Belize to cede land to Guatemala. Mr Henry Forde the Barbados Foreign Minister, who chairs a Commonwealth committee monitoring the problem, said yesterday that Barbados was knowing that the Jamaica meeting would recounce any question of survender of land. Barbados would in no circumstances support the idea of land stances support the idea of land . cession.—Reuter.

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maintaining a high rate of industrialization over the coming eight years.

Sanctioned by Parliament last month, the anthem flustrates Mr Ceausescu's determination to restore traditional patriotism: the music as well patriotism the music as well as the words hall from the as the words hall from the nineteenth century. In the fifties the song became taboo but it was recently revived with two more verses tagged on glorifying Romania's present and future under Communism.

and future under Communism.

The conference did not bring any radical changes but it showed, perhaps for the first time, a growing awareness of popular discontent evident as the result of the strike last August in the Jiu Valley coalmines

The high rate of industrial growth and investment, which is one of the highest in Europe, will be sustained. At the same time there are to be pay increases, gradual reduction of the working week from 43 to 44 hours, higher pensions and child allowances as well se a

child allowances as well at a modest increase in production modest increase in production of consumer goods. These all show that Mr Ceausescu is planning to achieve his long-term ambitions with his finger on the public pulse.

Romania, which started its postwar history with an artisan

Peking plea for serious action to end pollution

From Our Correspondent Hougkong, Dec 9 The Peking People's Daily has published a survey of readers' letters on pollution in China, ranging from noise to noxious gases.

party newspaper said.
Crinicizing the factory managements responsible, the newspaper said: "When the messes demand solutions to these problems, they emphasize the difficulties they face and use them as a pretext to alkey public opinion."

Five people killed Der es Salaam, Dec 9.—Five people belooging to the same family were killed by lightning in Iramba district, Singida region of Tanzania yesterday.

class of no more than one milion, now has almost seven milion. And Mr Ceausescu's programme envisages greater participation of workers in industry as well as in political bodies

There are also to be reforms in the penal system, which sug-gests that only those guilty of serious crime will be sent to prison, whereas minor offenders will be put in the custody of popular institutions. How this will work in practice is hard to tell, but clearly Mr Ceau-sescu is intent on reform and achieving results through re-education, and work, rather

than by punishment.
However, the annesty last spring when many criminals were released from fail, is said to have led to a sudden increase in crime, causing serious public concern and a demand for concern and a demand for strong police measures.

The idea is to give the population a more direct say in dealing with delinquency. But in view of the present public antitude it is difficult to see how this plan could be reconciled with a more lenient penal system.

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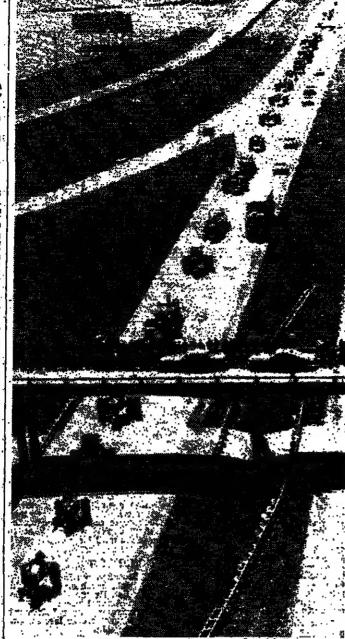
While there now seems to be an intermion to add a more distinct Romanian flavour to socialism at home, President Ceausescu again reiterated his country's independence in foreign policy issues.

Belgrade, Dec 9.—Romanian officials today briefly detained two Western journalists—a Sweda and an Austrian—and confiscated material by disident Romanian writers

They were Klas Bergman of Dagens Nyheter, Stockholm, and Gustay Chalupa, a radio correspondent.—Reuter.

Korchnoi heads for victory over Spassky

Belgrade, Dec 9.—Viktor Korchnoi appeared to be heading for victory when his seventh chess game against Borts Spassky was adjourned posight. Raymond Keene, his British second, said Korchnoi would have no trouble when the game is resumed tomorrow. Victory



Farmers protesting at low prices drive tractors on to a motorway junction above Tifton, Georgia, on their way to a demonstration

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Karpov, the world chempion.
Korchnoi, playing white; aure
a Queen's Gamphit. Later he desire
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Girl given pie's heart

Brown Hills, Dec 9-New
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In brief

Bolivia foils

Falange plot

La Pas, Dec 9.—The Bolivian military government today said it had folled an attempted coup by leaders of the Bolivian Socialist Falange and the colonel commanding the country's most powarful tank resiment an official source said here.

The leaders were as Señor Luis Mayser and Colonel Torge Echana, who were said to be brying to halt preparations for next year's general election.

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Moroccans fly in

Nouakchott, Dec 9.—A first batch of 600 Moroccan troops, batch of 600 Moroccan troops, sent to bolster Mauritanian soldiers guarding the railway between the northern mining town of Zouerafe and the port of Nouadhibou last night. A total of 1,200 Moroccan troops are to be stationed alongside the railway line.

Injured Briton dies

Nicosia, Dec 9.—Mr Jack Flawn, a 55-year-old meteor-ologist from Woking, Surrey, has died from injuries he re-ceived when a United States Air Force U2 reconnaissance aircraft crashed here while raking off on a mission on Wed-pesday. His death brings to six the number of people killed.

Aegean earthquake Ankara, Dec 9.—An earth-quake measuring 5.4 on the 9-point Richter scale his the Aegean city of Izmir, Terkey, this evening, injuring 35 people. Houses and public buildings were damaged. All those bure were at a reserve officers' were at reserve times a resident of Gaziernic where students were trampled as they tried to rush our of the building.

Party in control Vienna Dec 9.—The Czecho-slovak Writers' Union, disbanded seven years ago after the Soviet-led invasion to over-throw the Dubcek regime, has been reestablished under Com-

Diplomatic exchange Johannesburg, Dec 9.— Botswana and Cuba are to estab-

Tel Aviv. Dec 9.—The crew of the Israeli container ship Jasmin were rescued by Navy

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Mr Desai joins Nepal pilgrims Katmandu, Dec 9

The sight of thousands of pilgrims gathered at one of Nepal's most secred Hindu temples greeted Mr Moraril Dessi, the Indian Prime Minister, when he started a two-day official visit here today. Peasants, wearing heavy winter clothes but usually barefoot had flocked to the messive bronze domed temple from the surrounding countryside to celebrate Balachaturdasi, the day devout Hindus honour their ancestors.

Mr Desai, a Hindu Prime Minister visiting the world's only Hindu kingdom went straight to the temple after the welcoming ceremony at the signest.

Bhutto rival wins bail and flies home

From Our Correspondent Islamabad, Dec 9
Khan Abdul Wali Khan, president of the outlawed National Awami Party and former Leader of the Opposition in the defunct National Assembly, was released on ball in Peshawar early today after being flown in secret from Karachi.

Mr Wali Khan has been under arrest since February, 1975, and is the principal accused in a conspiracy trial being heard by a special court at Hyderabad in Sind. There are nearly 40 other people on trial with him, including almost all the leaders of his party who served for a time as governors, chief mini-sters and ministers in the North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan

Although Mr Wali Khan and 13 others were granted bail on Wednesday by the special court, for the first time in nearly three years, he was not released immediately. He was said to have been involved in 10 other cases registered against him during the rule of Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister. Begum Wali Khan, wife of the opposition leader, speaking by telephone from her village in remote Charssadda Tehsil, said that Mr. Wali Khan and five other Pathan leaders were flown by government aircraft from Karachi to Peshawar after midnight. She rushed on short notice to greet her husband at an Air Force base. Mr Wali Khan was released

after the Government had decided to withdraw pumerous

other charges against him.

Civil servants challenge Delhi Cabinet over arrest

From Our Carrespondent
Delhi, Dec 9
A dispute between the Indian Government and senior civil servants is building up. The resentment among the civil servants has been simmering since October when Mr B. B. Yohra, a Government secretary, was arrested and suspended after a deal with France in which Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, was alleged to have been involved. the former Prime Minister, was alteged to have been involved.

Mr Vohra is said to have signed a contract to buy technical knowledge from a French oil company for \$14m (£7.3m) in preference to an American one which demanded only \$4m.

Mr Vohra belongs to the Indian Administrative Service, which replaced the Indian civil servants of the British Rai.

the press has also continued the Government's move against Mr

Manama, Bahrain, Dec 9.—
The reed ship of Mr Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian explorer and anthropologist, was moored in Bahrain today after running aground, losing both its rudders and being towed nearly the whole length of the Gulf by a Russian cargo ship.

The ship, the Tigris, kimped

Lord Shive, where priests from south India greeted him.

On the hilltops looking down on the hilltops looking down on the temple and over a curving river pilgrams were breaking their fast after lighting candles to their ancestors in the temple. As darkness fell the hills were a mass of worshippers' candles.

Mr Desai's visit is potentially of great importance to the region. The Janata Government is seeking closer relations with neighbouring countries and Nepal occupies a key position. The Nepalese hope the visit mise bring the political decision needed to put their landlocked to put their problems of access to the sea there is no reason why sourced. The landland the landlocked to put their lan

welcoming ceremony at the airport.

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The civil servants' Central and Administrative Services Association passed a resolution vesterday condemning Mr Vohra's artest and decided to raise funds for his defence.

The Government, which defended the action against Mr Vohra in Parliament today, has taken a serious view of the civil servants' move.

As these civil servants belong to permanent cadres, nothing can be done against them except transferring them from one place to another. But largescale transfers are out of question because Mrs Gandhi's regime was accused by the Janata Party's Government of arbitrary transfers. Moreover

Heyerdahl reed vessel is towed into Bahrain

The ship, the Tigris, kimped into port last night behind a Bahraini coastguard cutter, which picked it up from the Russian ship. Russian ship.

Ocean.

On the first leg of his voyage to trace the sailing routes of flourished in what is now Iraq the ancient Sumerian mariners about 6,000 years ago.—UPL

servants of the British Raj. munist Party control at a two-day congress in Prague.

Mr. Heyerdahl, who is 63, hopes to obtain the advice of Bahraini dhow sellors in order to master the art of salking the 54ft Tigris before setting off on the second leg of the voyage to Oman and then the Indian

lish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, the South African Broadcasting Corporation reported. New ship hits reef

England approach first Test with encouraging all-round form

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

The England cricketers bowled and fielded well here today, dismissing the Governor's XI in lovely weather for 127. Rather than enforce the follow-on, as they was a position to do there

than enforce the follow-on, as they were in a position to do, they went in again themselves, to give Randall, Rose, Taylor and Botham the chance of batting practice. By close of play the Englishmen led by 211 runs with nine second finings wickets in hand.

Considering that this was only the eighth day's cricket of the tour, of which the first three were on a wet pitch, things are shaping quite encouragingly. Boycott, Roupe and Rose have each scored sundreds; Brearley and Miller hooked the good enough feem to give a fair account of feem to give a good enough form to give a r account of themselves in next week's first Test match.

It is more as a public relations exercise than asyming, I think, that the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan have been in touch, or have said that they will be getting in touch with their touch, or have said that they will be getting in touch, with their five Test players currently appearing for Kerry Packer, to ask them whether they could make themselves available for the coming Test series. Because of the way the board here handled it, the defection of Mushtaq, Majid and the rest to Mr Packer is seen as being something the players had no option but to do.

national Cricket Conference the board is now using the High Court Judgment to regain public esteem. when I left them earlier this week the Packer camp were having a sufficiently disappointing and difficult time to look for some way of turning to their advantage any appeal, of whatever nature, that might be made to them. One that might be made to them. One tiding is absolutely certain: even if all Mr Packer's Pakistanis come post-haste to Lahore to play against England, the England team for all their six Test matches this winter, will be chosen exclusively from players committed in no way to Mr Packer.

Today, was Laver's first bowl of the tour, due to his being laid low on the eve of last Sunday's match: With his third ball he knocked back Zahid's leg stump, and like all three of the faster bowlers he could well have finished with four or five wickets had the umpires been less obdurate.

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Willis worked in a good pace in his opening spell, when as on the first day, there was enough moisture in the pitch to encourage the bowlers. If three fast bowlers are, in fact, included in the Test side, they will almost certainly be, as in India last wher, today's brio. As useful as anything at the moment would be to get Botham among the runs and wickets. He was played with some ease today by Governor's XI, three of whose batsmen have won a Test cap.

Of these, Sæed, persona non grata with the previous cricket administration but now attempting

had a few unhappy maintes before being beaten for speed by Willis; Zahid failed to score and Wasim Raja played two or three of those swashbuckling left-handed strokes which make him such an attractive batsman to watch but so unreliable. It was off a towering basinan to watch out so unreinable. It was off a towering straight drive of Washn's that Greig made one of the greatest of postwar carches in front of the sight screen at the mursery end at Lord's. Greig went up for it like a pole-vaulter, twisting to make the carch in the same sort

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Fredericks's 100 enables W Indians to coast home

Bendigo, Dec 9.—Roy Fredericks stored a brilliant century here today to lead a West Indian XI to an effortless win over a World XI in their two-day 75 overs-a-side world series match. Fredericks cover the winning run high over mid-wicket for six off Underwood.

The World XI, who took 57 overs to score their 224 runs which was part of the power of the West Indian batsmen who took 42 overs to score their winning total of 225 for four. The Wist Indians resumed this morning at 68 for I and suffered an immediate setback when Vivina Richards was out for 34 in the first over from Snow.

Snow broke through again in his mid-wicket for six off Underwood.

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Hughes has strong Test claim

Perin, Australia, Dec 9.— Western Australia's Kim Eughes has probably won a place in Test here next week. He scored a dazzling 99 against the Indians today. The 23-year-old Hughes was twelfth man for the first

Western Australia won the toss and batting on an unresponsive pitch had reached 315 for five at the close—soon after Rughes had allowed frustration to get the better of him. He artemoted a big hit off Prasama and skied a catch to mid-on. Until he was bogged down for 23 mismus in the 90s his immers was full of scorching drives, crisp cuts, and mighty polls.

SCORES: Western Australia. 315 for 6 | R. Hughes 99, R. Charlesworth 95) 9 Indiana.

Yorkshire put up prices for next season

An all-round increase in sub-scription rates for members of Yorkshire County Cricket Club in 1978 was announced yesterday. Full members will now pay £14 instead of £12. Other increases will be made in the case of tickets for pensioners, women and innors. New daily rates of admission for non-members will be £2.20 at the Headingley Test match, £1 at Yorksbire's three-day fixtures and £1.30 at Sunday games. MELBOURNE: Sheffeld Shield:

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A twin threat to the slalom giants

By John Hennessy
Val d'Isère, Dec 9
Two days age, French twins
of an tarlier ett, Ingrid and Britt
Lufforgue, were spectators at a
World Cup ski race here. Two
winters ago, Valentina and Piers
Hiffe, born on the same day nearly
21 years and, were members of illife, born on the same day heariy il years ago, were members of the British Olympic team at Innshruck. At the same time, Phil and Steven Mahre, born within four minutes of each other in May, 1957, competed for the United States. Tomorrow, again, they are in the smrt list for the first men's World Cup race of the season here.

first men's World Cup race of the season here.

Skiling, perhaps more than any other sport, has this dynastic quality. Four Palmer-Tomkinsons were, at various innes, British champlons. There were recently four members of the Cochran family in the American team, four Wiffes, similarly, were once skiling in Britain. There has been at Mittermaler in the West German women's Olympic team since 1960 and Evi is certain to maintain the tradition at Lake Placid, New York State, in 1980.

There have been nine Mahre indidnes murtured at and around White Pass, Washington State, an unpretentious ski resort in the white rass, washington state, an unpretentious ski resort in the Cascade monntain range near the West coast, by David Mahre, assistant manager of the White Pass ski area, and his wife, Mary, Phil

year won the Val d'Isère giant impressive but he is confident that he has the talent to emulate his brother, if not tomorrow then in subsequent races leading up to the world championships at Gar-misch-Partendrchen, West Ger-many, at the end of next month. It is a view widely held in Ameri-

can ski circles.

Theirs is a natural talent and they have little liking for the 11-months-a-year ski life that so many. months a year ski life that so many racers suffer (or perhaps even appoy). They like to have their summers free, either for water-skiing on the broad, placid river folumbia, or roaring across country in mono-cross races. Phil cyplains, with a wiggle of the hips, that in some ways water-skiing techniques can conflict with its elder brother on snow. But in other ways, notably in balance, it demands the same skills. Motor receiling too, he believes has something in common with snow sking.

Both had distinguished school references to the Carter administration show clearly enough where

Both had distinguished school eareers and in spite of the demands on their time of ski racing and ski training, they were highly placed in their last year at high school, Phil fluishing second and Steven fifth in a field of 80 or 50. Skeling then took preference over college (university), though both here eminently equipped to take advantage of higher education.



give or take an inch in height and a broken nose.

Neither thrives on the downhill, probably because statom and giant statom were the commonest forms of ski racing, in the incontains that sustained them. Steven thinks that slatom is his stronger arm, though his giant statom is improving. Phil's record, on the other hand, betokens outstanding gians statom prowess, but "after my second place in the Crans-Montana statom last week, who can tell?"

They have had to learn to ski on ice since visiting Europe. Temperatures are comparatively high back home and ite is virtually unknown. When Phil first struck a competition piste in Europe, he exclaimed: "Hell, you don't actually race on this?" On the first run, at Vipiteno in Italy, he was "eight or 10 or maybe 12 seconds behind the leader"—and he went free skiing while the second run was being held. It had been, he says, "like standing on ball hearings." hus he and his brother have learnt fast.

They are, I suppose, everyone's idea of the archetypal all-Ameriden

brother have learnt fast.

They are, I suppose, everyone's idea of the archetypal all-American boy, clean-limbed, athletic and wholesome. Neither snokes or touches mard houor (Steven said, almost apologetically: "I don't even like beer"). Neither uttered a single expletive in the two hours I shared with them. They do not gamble (Steven: "We're too mean", by which he meant that the economics of a large family had taught them to make every

tration show clearly enough where their sympathies lie, though they have little respect for peliticians in the round.



or answer a telephone". Phil maintains, "and it cost the texpayers 10,000 dollars a year".

It is easy to confuse them in appearance but they are not identical twins. Steven, an inch the taller, has a narrower face and, a helpful guide to identification, a broken nose. Phil has slightly fairer hair and wears it longer ("I'm the hippy, He's the retueck.") Neither falls into either category. They wear contact lenses for skiing but find them unnecessary at close quarters.

Steven is accident-free (the nose apart, injured in moto-cross) unlike his brother, who has broken his right leg twice—io the convertional place, level with the top of the ski boot, but in unconventional ways. On the first occasion, in 1973, he was surprised by an avalanche at White Pass, itself an unusual phenomenon, and swept into the trees, with the result that both tibin and fibia were fractured.

Nine months later the shinbone weut again at the same place while Phil was innocently disporting himself in tetanis shoes. This time he went again at the same place while Phil was innocently disporting himself in tennis shoes. This time he underwent surgery and he has not felt a twinge since. Neither is sure of his future except (it is Phil speaking) they "couldn't face sitting behind a desk indoors six days a week".

They are scoraful of professional ski racing (Phil: "Anyway it's going downhill", which was not meant as a joke). Parallel racing was not to be taken serjously.

Hockey was not to be taken seriously, though they saw some appeal in free-style, the acrobatic form of skiing that has become popular in recent years. They can, themselves, perform somersaults on skis, both forward and backward. LONDON LEAGUE: Bischneith v Brekenham; Dulwich v Breinley: Guildfard v Stough: Hawks v Old They seemed to feel that pro-fessionals could never live with amateurs in open competition. We have little respect for peliticians in the round.

The round of the ro

Football

Leeds are favoured by influence of the past

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

In the past month Leeds United have beaten Nottlogham Forest, Manchester City, West Ham United and Queen's Park Rangers. Today for the third successive Saturday, they face opposition from London and may reveal whether they have the margin that divides them from the first division's leaders, the per-sistent Forest. Their match against Arsenal at Highbury is a eeting of two substantially revived teams and could be the best of the day. Arsenal are now indisputably

London's best representatives but they remain erratic, O'Leary, Brady, Rix and Stapleton bave Don Howe and form a youthful telented foundation. The arrival of Jennings and Sunderland has added assurance and steel, yet by might almost be thought of as

callow.

With Lorimer returning after missing four matches, the Leeds side can be chosen from a wealth of international experience. Their purchase of Flynn was a shrewd decision. Harris, Hankin and Graham have joined long established members to give a wider range of skill and, overall, Leeds suggest that before long they will recover the consistency that kept them among the top four in every season for 10 years after 1964.

The manager, Jimmy Armfield, season for 10 years after 1964.

The manager, Jimmy Armfield, seems determined to keep Jordan, who is wanted by Ajax but is not available to Leeds today as he has a wirus and stays at home.

Their leading scorer, Hankin, has a bruised hip but is expected to play. The powerful and, these days, more constructive central defender, McQueen, will have a fitness test. Meanwhile, Arsenal hope to field the team who beat Middlesbrough last Saturday.

The result of the match may

The result of the match may depend on the centre of the Arsenal defence where O'Leary and Young will probably have to cope with Hankin. For those who believe in the influence of the believe in the influence of the past, last season's equivalent match at Highbury was drawn 1—1 but the previous three were all won by Leeds, and all by 2—1.

Both teams, have time to move into more challenging positions during the new year but possibly Leeds are the better equipped for the near future. The busy Christmas programme could provide some interesting pointers. For the moment, though, Forest are managing to stay ahead of the relentless Everton team who have played 20 league and cup matches without being beaten.

For the fifth successive game

For the fifth successive game Everton are unchanged for their match at home to Middlesbrough.



Cross: involved in West Ham's attempt to buy security.

Forest are also unchanged against Coventry City whose attacking style should make for an entertaining game.

The reunion of West Ham United and Manchester United at Upton Park revives the pleasant memory of a splendid match at the end of last season. West Ham won 4—2 to save themselves from

won 4—2 to save themselves from relegation but United, only five days from the FA Cup final, were wonderfully committed opposition.

West Ham may not now face comparable crisis but they need a comparable crisis but they need points before their position again becomes desperate. Yesterday they attempted to purchase security by giving West Bromwich, Albion about £170,000 for their experienced forward, Cross. Today they have not enough forward strength to win although United are again without their captain, Buchau, and Macari.

Liverpool's midweek 6-0 vic-Liverpool's indiwest 5-0 victory over Hamburg in a superficial cup match between last season's European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup winners may have encouraged confidence but today they are likely to find Norwich City a problem at Carrow Road. Norwich are unbeaten at home Norwich are unbeaten at home where they have conceded only four goals in nine matches. They also admitted this week that their capular, Peters, had been playing for a month with an Achilles tendon injury that had stopped him from training. The secret was well kept and Peters is now almost fully recovered.

The secret of the new England The secret of the new England manager's name may not be re-vesled next Monday as was in-tended. The Football Association

selection committee will meet on that morning but it is now thought that the same or names of their choice will be kept to themselves until later in the week. Blockley on list

Jeff Blockley, the Leicester City centre back, has been put on the transfer list. He moved to Leicester from Arsenal for £100,000 in 1975. Earle, who was Leicester's second highest scorer last season, is also for sale.

Garwood's landmark Colin Garwood nowhed his 100th league goal last night by storing for Colchester in their 3—1 victory over Exeter at Layer Road.

Football results yesterday

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Rugby Union ...

Mixing good news with the bad

Rugby Correspondent omission from his divisional side was regretted in these columns yesterday, will, after all, play for the Middands against the South and South West at Bath this afternoon. He comes in for Geoffrey Evans, a former international and

distrining perhaps, for the national selectors is the windarawal of the England and British Lions hooker, Peter Wheeler.

Wheeler injured his shoulder three weeks ago and made matters worse in the Sam Doble memorial game. He cannot lift the arm above shoulder level, improvement is distinctly slow and he has been advised to rest for another fortnight or risk being out of action for another five or six weeks. Wheeler's troubles at least mean a chance for the young England and Moseley hooker, Gary, who now steps in. But all these changes, in addition to the absence of Hignell and Peck, the promising young Bedford scrumbalf, have antailed some radical alterations. More happily, the England centre, Charles Kent,

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Rugby Correspondent his division and selection terms.

Faul Dodge, the Leicester and young England centre whose amission from his divisional aide Exeter led to six of their players all. However, Keith-Roach, the south western side in last Seturday's inter-regional match at Exeter led to six of their players becoming original selections for today's affeir. One of them is Lewis, the gifted Ebbw. Vale acrum half, who appears to have imperated the selectors in its work behind the supposedly. Wesker pack. Another is a fisalt forward, Geraid Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appearently put a hefty and uncomplicated mark on things. Parsons, who appeared to the limit of their abilities and men like Terry Claxion (now to their abilities and men like Terry Claxion (now to their abilities and men like Terry Claxion (now to their abilities and men like Terry Claxion (now appearently put a hefty and uncomplex of Cotton and Colclough. Angonilems, have opportunity to make a further mark."

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Race walking

Third division

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Boxing: Magri v Smith, Gardner v Ruddik (1.10, 1.50).

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Athletes: Crystal Palace international cross-country (2.20, 4.0).

Darts: Chorley tournament (2.55).

Rugby League: St. Helens v Peatherstone Rovers (3.15).

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Television highlights BBC 2-tomorrow

Football : Preview (12.30). Racing: Cheltenham races at 1.0;

Football: Match of the Day IPA-tomorrow

Tennis

Experienced players confirm their class

university. Miss Mihai is Jolly and sturdy and bounces about the courting in irrepressible joie de vivre. Her racket work cannot always keep pace with her athleticism and her spirit of adventure. But yesterday she led 4—1 in the first set and in the second—having three times been within a point of going 2...5 doesnesse to procured to lead

2—5 down—she recovered to lead 5—4. The large and serene Miss

5—4. The large and scretce Miss Stove responded to these challenges by whipping through the rest of each set without having

a name point against her. She simply increased the pace and quality of her tennis and exposed

flaws in Miss Alihai's game that had not previously been apparent. Miss Stove has an alarming knack

mass stove has an administ know, and administ that is, for her opponents—of flicking winners so casually that she might be swatting flies without interrupting the flow

of conversation.
Miss Ruzici is slim and supple.

Miss Ruzici is slim and supple. Her service and forestand are exciting it unpredictable. She is always capable of banging down an ace and on the forestand she uses her either more than most players and brings the head of the racket through at a formidable pace. Miss Tomanout tends to look and the state of the second court of

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Tennis Correspondent

Billie Jean King and Virginia Wade, past and present Wimbledon champions, advanced to the semi-final round of the Bremar Cup tentis tournament at Crystal Palace last evening. Mrs King beat Taya Harford 6–3, 7–5, and Miss Wade defeated Sharon Walsh 7–6, 6–2. Miss Harford needs introducing. She is 19, lives in Johannesburg, ranks tenth in South Africa and is in her second year of full time competition. She is among the latest recruits to that scenningly inexhaustible batallion of talented young South Africans who are embellishing the womens' circuit. Last evening she played a good match. womens' chruit. Last evening she played a good match.

So did Miss Walsh, a Californian who has to be assessed by slightly different criteria. Now 25, Miss Walsh, leapt to prominence in 1970 when she did wall at. Wimbledon and Forest Hills and then bear Miss Wade and Winnie Shaw to win the Dewar tournament at Edinburgh. Perhaps she acheved noo much too soon. She receded from the centre of the stage to the wings, largely because of a diffident loss of confidence most obviously evident in her backhand and her volleying. But this year she has begun to build on the almost forgotten foundations laid in 1970. Last week she reached the semifinal round of the South African championship and yesterday she competed on almost even terms with the Wimbledon champion, who was sharp and eager and clearly innerested in a quick kill. It was good, too, to see Miss Harford on the way up and Miss Walsh on the way back.

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Miss Walsh on the way back.

It was a measure of this new tournaments quality that three players who had contested the singles finals of important 1977 tournaments were scheduled to play in the afternoon: Warming up the house, as it were, in readiness for evening performances by the star turns, Mrs King and Miss Wade. Betty Stove, runnerup at Wimbledon, beat Florenta Mind, runner up for the French championship, by 6—4; 7—5. Renata Tomanova, runner up for the Italian title, was beaten 4—6. 6—2, 6—3 by Virginia Ruzici, both

racket through at a formidable pace. Miss Tomanova tends to look regally sulky toif court) she is regally sulky toif court) she is regally sulky toif court) she is regally charming and her tennis has such deliberate precision, such sombre dignity, that the music of Brahms would be an appropriate accompaniment. She came within a point of winning the first set 6—2. But Miss Ruzici was finding her range and Miss Tomanors was beginning to lift her head occasionally when driving—and making errors because she was not staying down on the ball long enough. From 4—6 and 1—2 down Miss Ruzici won nine games out. A sentence in yesterday's report had its meaning reversed by the loss of a negative during transmission. The sentence should have read: "Europe's traditional statute has suffered because the Continent was not geared to withstand increasing competition for the services of leading players." of 10. After that all Miss Tomanora had to look forward to was a courtside birthday party (her twenty-third). ABELAIDE: Observer-linal round: C. Lewis (NZ) beat P. Dent, 6-3, 7-3, 71m Guillager (UE) beat J. Alexander, 7-5, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1, T. German (US) beat J. Stone, 3-5, 6-4, 8-5; k. Warwick ben' W. Sennium (US), 6-3, 8-4; k. Miss Mihai and Miss Ruzici, both 22, are Romanians studying physical education at the same

TOKYO: Davis Con. Eastern Zong: Outster-final round Incan load into-nessa 2-0: T. Kaimi bear A. Wyone, Sell, C.C. 7-1: K. Hiral beat G. Widlelo, 8-5. 6-2, 7-5. Twelfth vi Saldanha's return should

give Blackheath a lift Sunday, Ipswich could come through their semi-final match in the eastern division against liford.

The more stirring battle is likely

There is so much club bockey this weekend that several teams are committed to crucial matches for two days. Apart from the league engagements which absorb The more stirring bastle is likely to take place at Wardown Park, Luton, where Bedfordshire Eagles take on St. Albans. Much will depend here on who seizes the initiative in the early minutes.

It might be argued that it does not matter who wins the western final at Plymouth between Isca and West Gloucester because both will go through to the later stages of the chumplouship; but there is a difference. The winner has a bee into the quarter-final round.

In the northern division, Leeds Corimbian are at home to most of today's programme, the emphasis is on tomorrow's fixtures in the national club championship, spousored by Rank Xerox.

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Both semi-final matches in the southern division, Southease v Goiddord and Slough v Blackheath, are scheduled for early state (1.30 pm and 1.45 respectively) but whether these times are strictly observed is another matter. The games themselves are already being played a week late, having been deferred in order to awalt the return of the players who went to India. to the northern are at home to Northern in the quarter-final round, the winners qualifying to meet Netberfield. Alderiev Fdgg are meeting Neston in the final of the Chechire Cup. The winners here will meet St George's in the quarter-final round on December 13. Norton, by virtue of a bye, have qualified for the serul-final round in this half of the northern draw.

By Sydney Friskin

so Southquee, led by Neale, have Cotton, Whitaker and Ian McGinn back in a party of 16 well stocked with players of international class. They can draw deeply from wells of experience which is a commodity not lacking in the Guildford side, captained by Ian Phiks. The key men on both sides can raise their game and the match to peaks of excitement.

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Blackheath, no doubt are happy to have Saktanha back. This versatile player, with his remarkable talent for dictating the course of a game, has guided the fortunes of his club on many occasions. Saint, as reported, is unlikely to play for Slongh because of an injury which put him out of action in India. Slongh, as national champions, know all too with for their prosperity and will have to lean more heavily now on Khehar. If Knight strikes his short corners as smoothly as he did last

TORONTO: Canadian Ecayyprelight champlenship: George Chuyalo anecked out East McLeay, first round. COPINHAGEN: Junior

The following statement was issued yesterday by the Hockey Association: "The executive committee of the Hockey Association have now received a report from the honorary match and fixture secretary on his return from the recent tour of India. In the light of that report it has been decided that the HA shall make the strongest representations to the International Hockey Federation and the Indian Hockey Federation expressing the gravest ration expressing the gravest displeasure at the conditions ex-perienced by the England team on the tour before the Nehru tourna-Ice bockey

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two rounds, equalled, much less broken, par.

Brian Barnes, of Scotland, added a 74 to his opening 76, and Ken Brown added a 79 to his 75 for a total of 304 and fifteenth place. The other home teams shared sixteenth place a stroke farther back. Nicholas Falde, of England, is now 73+76=149, the best of the group, while his colleague, Peter Dawson, is 79+77=156. Eamonn Darcy returned 76+75=151 and Eddig Polland 78+76=154 for Ireland. For Wales, David Vaughan is on 77+75=152 and Craig DeFoy

Forcing tactics of Tip The Wink are expected to tip the balance

A full dress rehearsal for the Festival meeting will be staged at Chekenham this afternoon. The 1975 Gold Cup winner, Royal Froke, will be attempting to make a triumphent comeback by defying 12st 4h in the Massey-Berguson Gold Cup. Despite the remarkable record of high class houses in this race, Sir John Hammer's eight-year-old may not yet be sharp enough to give the weight to that exciting froot runner. The The Wink, Young Arthur and the northern stayer, Current Gold. Ridden by the Irish Jockey, Dessie Hughes, Tip The Wank reveiling in the mud, hammered his opponent into the ground in the Arthe Challenge Trophy at last epoing's National Hunt meeting. In the hands of Tony Carroll he recorded a fast time when slamming Kas in the Embassy Premier Steepischase qualifier at Chepstow last week. Pat Taylor has shown his usual sinewiches in his placing of Tip The Wink.

Although the ground may not

of Tip The Wink.

Although the ground may not be soft enough to show Tip The Wenk at his sparkling best, the galding is difficult to copose at these weights. Judged stractly on last year's running at Newbury and Kempton Park, Young Arthur has the beating of Tip The Wink. But. on both those occasions Tip The Wink was ritiden from behind instead of adopting his usual forcing faciles. However, Derek Kent's eightyser-old put up a most encouraging performance when narrowly defeated by Another Dolly at Newbury and should go close this afternoon.

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Like Tip The Wink, Current Gold is at his best on a yielding surface. Four times a winner last season, Gordon Richerds's skryezr-old still has further improvement in him. The gelding rean well in the Mackeson Gold Cup, coming from a long way back to finish third to Bachelor's Hadl. Current Gold is probably at his most effective over three miles but the steep uphill climb to the Cheltenham winning post will suit him admirably. This is a race chock full of talent.

Fair Kity, clearly showed her versatility at Newcastle yesterday when winning the Plover Novices' Steeplechase. The mare has now notched a remarkable five wins on the flat, five over hundles and her second success over the larger obstacles. Sun Lion cut out much of the early running, and it was not until approaching two fraces out that Mark Lowry roused up Fair Kitty and the six-yesr-old, who put up a flaviless display of jumping, went into the lead.

Jimmy Fitzgerald, her trainer ead: "Fair Kitty is a nice mare. She goes next for a qualifier of the Stanley Tool Novices Chase at Market Raseu."

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old should not be able to give him weight today.

Neville Crump's Even Melody is a game and consistent type. Already successful at Perth and Ayr this season he ran perhaps the best race of his career when chasing home Bachelor's Hall in the Mackeson. But none the worse for his mishap at Ayr last time but he is sure to give a sound account of himself as is the bottom weight, Bit of Manny, who will be attempting to gain his fourth victory in a row. In a difficult race, I am still going for Tip The Wink and will be praying for rain overnight.

In the Bula Hurdle, the reigning champion, Night Nurse, faces perhaps the most difficult task of his career. He meets Bird's Nest on the same terms as when detected by lan South accession.

Twelfth victory for versatile Fair Kitty

carly in the new year.

It was Neville Crump's thirteenth wincer of the season, but he missed Ice Plant's victory

clearly showed her Newcastle yesterday the Plover Novices the Plover Novices way, sweeping into the straight on Ice Plant, and although Igloo Fire beams able five wins interested to the plant, and although Igloo Fire bound Ice Plant, and although Igloo Fire bound Ice Plant, and although Igloo Fire bound Ice Plant, and although Igloo Fire by the Middlehem trainer, Jumbo on Ice Plant, bought for 5,000 guiness at a court of a seller at Rippon in Ice Idlon cost out much running, and it was preaching two fences to be presented by the Middlehem trainer, Jumbo out of a seller at Rippon in the Idlon cost out much running, and it was the Doocaster Seles, now makes the Doocaster Seles, now makes beating Cambynary by 12 bengths in the Wagnii selling hurdle.

g perhaps the most difficult task of his career. He meets Bird's Nest on the same terms as when detected by lan Scott's seven-years old in that epic duel at Newcastle recently. Night Nurse also has to concede 3 lbs to Dramatist, third in last year's championship and who showed himself to be in peak condition when strolling home from John Cherry at Ascot. But Night Nurse is a horse who takes a great deal of getting fit nowadays and this great hurdler is taken to turn the Newcastle tables on Bird's Nest and also to give the weight to Dramatist. The 1974 Washington International winner, Admenus, is an interesting recruit to the winser game, but despite his class cannot be expected to be a match for his more experienced rivals.

Admenus's trainer, Fred Winner, runs the nost polished performer, Rodman in the Daily Express Trimorph Hurdle Trial. The ease of Rodman's victory over the subsequent Sandown scorer, Persian Crown at Newbury had to be seen to be believed. The other previous winner in the field, Douzel, gained a fluent victory on his first appearance over hurdles at Plumpton last week.

Pollerton and Crown Bowler are the most interesting newcomers in the field. Pollerton, an easy winner of the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood on the flat for Paddy Prendergast last sunder, is now with Tom Jones at Newbury Bart of the Warkworth Handicap Stephelanse with Anna's Prijece and the Panamener, is now with Tom Jones at Newbury Bart of the Warkworth Handicap Stephelanse bown great spituade in his schooling, but Rodman is impossible to warkworth Handicap Stephelanse but I shall table a chance with Namarket. The three-year-old has shown great spituade in his schooling, but Rodman is impossible to



Zongalero gains gallant victory for joint owners at Cheltenham

of being chught. The five-year-old was bought privately in Ireland by the Middleham trainer. Jumbo Wolkinson.

One-eyed Gala Lad, claimed, out of a seller at Ripon in August, from Peter Easterby, attracted plenty of attention, when beating Carriymay by 12 lengths in the Wastali selling hurdle.

The three-year-old was bought in for 1.500 guineas after Peter Easterby had dropped out of the bidding early on. The American-brad som of Gala Performance tracked Canaymay in the early stages, but approaching the third flight, Nigel Tinkler pushed Gala Lad into the lead. Gala Lad's victory provided This ler with his eleventh win of the sea-son.

Ry Michael Seely

Zongalero gaioed a gallant victory for his joint owners, David Montagu and Sir James Goldsmith when outstaying Never Rock and Royal Marshal II in the Tony Teacher Handicap Steeplechase at Cheltenham vesterday. Double Negative and Broncho II disputed the early lead until Eroncho dropped back, beaten a mile from house.

At the penultimate fence Zongalero imped to the front, hotly pursued, by Never Rock, with Royal Marshal poised to rhallenge. At the last jump Royal Marshal's speed looked sure to succeed, but half way up the ronsit his challenge petered out. Zongalero ran on strongly to beat Never Rock by two lengths, with Royal Marshal fure-quarters of a length away, third.

The four-mile Bass Steeplechase on this course on Janosty 2 is the next objective for Zongalero, after which Thomson Jones dell first to land a gamble in the Bath Novices' Steeplechase. Jump Fred Rimell saddled Choral Fred Rimell sa pass master at producting for a comfortable victory. Samplero and more to develon him for the will now win more races. Casanayor, who start joint favourts with the will now at the lopes he will in more to develon him favourts with the will now at the lopes he will in more to develon him favourts with the will now at the lopes he will in more to develon him favourts with the will now at the lopes he will in more to develon him favourts with the will now at the lopes he will find strength, but he hopes he will in more to develon him favourts with the will now at the lopes from findshed well beaten. Michael Dicksen at the time inme to the desten. Michael Dicksen at the time inme to develon him favourts with the will now at the found findshed well beaten. Michael Dicksen at the time inme to the desten. Michael Dicksen at the time inme to the going. The fockey said that the runners were cutting in a few time the surface was the surface was wo k much-maligned animal, as he has

2.0 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (4y-0: £1,289: 2m 120yd)

Plumpton entry Principle of the last Plumpion winner trained by the last Peter Cazaler, is entered for the Peter Cazaler Memorial Trophy at the Sussex track on Tuesday. Bachelor's Hall, a recent winner of the Mackeson and Hennessy Gold Cups, is among the opposition.

Two seeds go out in first round of men's singles

Second round scores in Manila

By Richard Streeton

Three rounds of both the men's and women's singles spread over nearly six home, were on the programme list, night for the English national badminton championships at Coventry. They almost earned themselves a subtine Emergency Ward Ten, or General Hospital, as finness reports tended to dominate the early proceedings.

women's singles match agricust her doubles parmer, Mrs Ann Statt (Hampshire). Mrs Ferry only Ispan three days ago and her liesping habits have not yet adjusted to the time difference. She took some time to settle down and dropped the first game before from a very control and went on to win 7—11, 11—2, 11—3.

Hunt was beaten 15—6, 15—2

Rowing

London set for good year

By Jim Railton

London University look set for yet another successful year, indeed by their three crews engaged in two lively trial races on the Tideway yesterday. The trial eights included four lightweight international carsmen six junior internationals, a Cambridge Blue and some promising new-comers.

In each of the two races from Kew to Chiswick no more than a cartos separated the first two crews at the finish. But with each race lasting under four minutes, if was impossible to make any objective judgment of the overall standard. But among those who just caught the eye were the freshmen, innior internationals Hill and Reynolds. Field, now in his second year, looks outstanding material.

The top London University crew last year was their international lightweight coxless four which finished fifth in the world cham-

Squash rackets

Substitute lasts 21 mins

Susan Cogswell, the British No

1, who is seeking to regain the
mational squash rackets title she
lost last year, made a convincing start in the first round at
Dalkington last night. She took
only 21 minutes to beat Dorothy
Armstrong, an Irish international,
9-3, 9-1, 9-2. The second
game took only four minutes.
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Cheltenham programme

3-1 Allied Carpets, 7-2 Co-Partner, 4-1 John Brown, 5-1 Brankridge Farmer, 8-1 Scientus, 12-1 Kiminvis, 16-1 Rumatsi, 20-1 Take it East. 1.0 PRED WITHINGTON STEEPLECHASE (£2,663: 3m)

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135 DAILY EXPRESS TRIUMPH HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,805: 2m

4-6 Rodman, 9-2 Pollerton, 8-1 Donzel, 12-1 Crown Bowler, 14-1 Divinity, 16-1 Morning Les. 20-1 others.

2.10 MASSEY-FERGUSON GOLD CUP (Handicap Steeplechase:

2.45 BULA HURDLE (£3,720 : 2m 200yd) 501 2171-22 Night Murse (C-D) (R. Spencer', M. M. Easterby, 6-11-10 p. Broderick 1102-31 light Murse (C-D) (R. Spencer', M. M. Easterby, 6-11-10 p. Broderick 1102-31 light Murse (C-D) (M. Ritzenberg), Thomson Jones, 5-11-5 sweet Joe (C-D) (M. Ritzenberg), Thomson Jones, 5-11-6 smaini-Eccles 507 06-0301 Migenumer Ltd (L. Thwaltes), F. Walwyn, 6-11-2 w. W. Smith 509 36-13-32 Gambling Prince (J. P. Jones), Jones, 4-10-13 J. Barke, 510 30-1012 Levaramoss (C-D) (S. Crowe), A. Incham: 4-10-13 R. Unicy 511 Society of the State of the State

6-1 Night Nurse, 5-2 Birds Nest, 11-4 Dramatist, 10-1 Admetus, Leuaramoss, Sweet Joe, 25-1 others. 3.15 NEWENT HURDLE (Handicap: £1,752: 2m 200yd)

602 23-3101 The Dunce (C-D) (Duke of Devonaishro), F. Waiwyn, 6-11-6 605 0-02214 Cay Signal (Lidy Nugent), D. Nugent, 5-10-12 S. John 603 0446-24 Fishermans Cot (W. Townsend), Mrs E. Kennard, 5-10-12 Richards 7-2 Easter Eet. 9-2 Arctic John, 5-1 Fishermans Cot. 6-1 The Dunce, 8-1 Ferry Point, 10-1 Gay Signal, 12-1 Listen Here, Town Farm, 14-1 Princes Arcade, 20-1 others

Cheltenham selections

Ey Our Racing Staff 12.30 Allied Carpers. 1.0 The Dealer. 1.35 Rodman. 2.10 Tip The Wink. 2.45 NIGHT NURSE is specially recommended. 3.15 Easter Eel. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.35 Pollerton. 2.45 Sweet Joe. 3.15 Cinchid.

Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Royal Stuart. 1.0 Chosen Slave. 1.30 Anna's Prince. 2.0
Netherton. 2.30 Brown Barman 3.0 Lanka.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
#2.45 Dark Spectre. 1.15 Hopeful Story. 1.45 Banlieu. 2.15 Kybo.
2.45 Havanus. 3.15 Western Rose. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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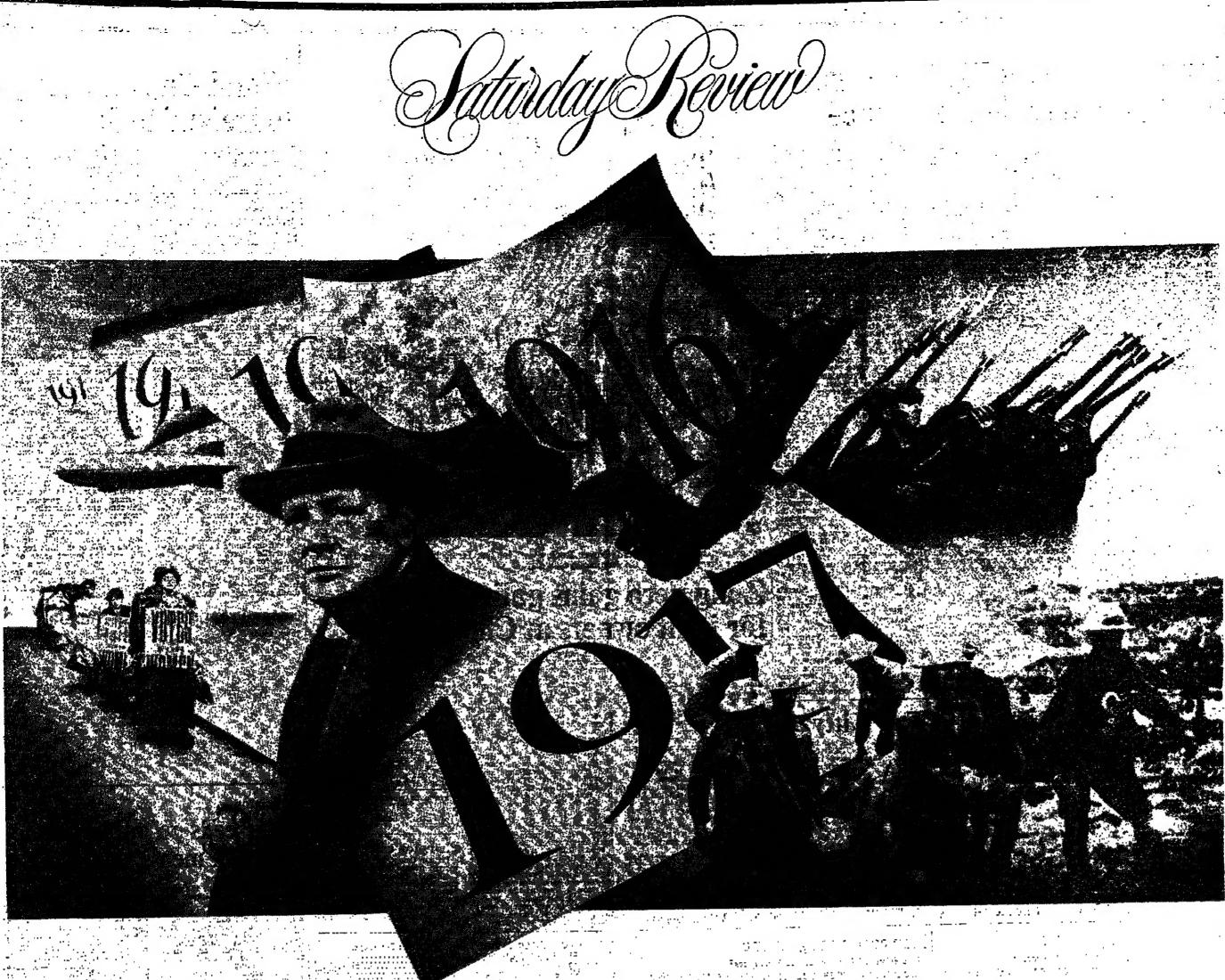
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Yachting



The year a new world began

By John Terraine

The idea of the pre-1914 world as a kind of "golden age" has unquestionably been overdone. The years 1900-1914 simmered war itself, though it was producing lethal novelnes every day for the harassment of man-kind, still had an old-fashioned as a send of golden age has unquestionably been overdone. The years 1900-1914 simmered with agitation, volcanic move-ments shaking the fabric of society. Every one of the advanced industrial countries was vanced industrial countries was helmets which they had worn affected: in Britain, between in 1866 and 1870; so did much affected: in Britain, between 1910 and 1912, dockers, miners, railwaymen and transport workers were constantly on strike topped capka whose origins are in Called it a great upsurge of called it a great upsurge of elemental forces. Equally electrons and blue and bl elemental forces. Equally elemental were the women's result, finding its expression in the violence of the Suffragette Movement, and the Irish Home Rule struggle, with its threat of actual civil war. In France, here violence of the Suffragette Movement, and the Irish Home Bule struggle, with its threat of actual civil war. In France, between 1906 and 1910 strikes were so frequent, so violent, so revolutionary in character that mobilization of the strikers into the army proved the only respurce against them. In Germany, the Marxist Social-Democrats became the largest party in the Reichstag. Less advanced countries were even more seriously affected: revolution in Russia in 1905, and in Spain in 1909, the year of Barcelona's Semana Tragica". All this ferment was duly reflected in ayant-garde art: French Fauv of the mighty airship; it was avant-garde art: French rauv-ism. German Expressionism, Italian Futurism, with its preg-tent manifesto: "There is no beauty except in strife." If this was a "golden age" we need was a goined age we need the steam of the land of the revise our vocabulary.

Nevertheless, it was an age 1900, or 1906, or 1914, we look of attrition, the normal In fact, if we seek the first translation of the symptoms of our own world into reality, we shall not go back 77 years, but 60: we shall look at 1917.

First, just to make sure, let world was never going to be the same after this.

look about it. The German infantry, despite their modern weapons, still wore the spiked siers who seemed to have come straight off the field of Water-loo infantry in red breeches, dark blue coats and red kepis dark blue coats and red kepts virtually indistinguishable from those of 1870-71, colonials—Zouaves and Turcos—dressed exactly, as for the Alma or Schastopol. Even the British in their businesslike khaki were an anachronism; they were all volume to the state of the unteers. And looking up at the sky, the new dimension of war that 1914 had introduced, what one saw and wondered at was still the Jules Verne apparition

On this analysis-which goes very far removed from our own. deeper than mere outward. The fact that it was not "gol- appearances—it was 1916 that den does not mean that it was saw the death-throes of the old not different; so different, world. In 1916 there was a change of style, a hardening of liefs, its techniques, its dress, so innocent in its experience compared with later generations, that it hardly belongs to the twentieth century at all. killing", which is not a bad When we look at the people of name for it." The great battles wastat strangers; these, iruly, are age? (what a word!) and accestors rather than parents or grandparents. Many of them, three leading Western European or grandparents, many or them, I dare say, still alive today, can scarcely recognize themselves. In fact, if we seek the first translation of the symptoms of 900,000; Britain, 666,000. Cer-

us-regard its immediate predecessors. It is my belief that the old world, the old nine teenth-century world, lingered on right into 1915. Even the that was up more "brave than

its predecessor had been "golden". Fixtingly, it came in with stage effects well suited to tragic drama. Snow, sleet Spears and heavy frost descended on Europe in November 1916, ushering in one of the worst winters on record. It was to maintain as grip well into April 1917, by which time it had played a distinct and direct part in the vast changes now premature frosts caused a catastrophic failure of the potato premature frosts caused a cata-strophic failure of the potato crop which in turn produced the "Turnip Winter" of hideous memory, which is its own turn planted the seeds of revolution in a not-far-distant future. In Russia that result ensued without delay: heavy snowfalls caused a transport breakdown, leading to food shortages and bread riots which snortages and breat mots which turned quickly into revolution and the fall of the imperial regime. We may as well start there; this was the first clear sign of the new world, the arrival of the transfer confirm arrival of the twentieth century. What happened in Russia in 1917 is unquestionably the most

significant formative factor of this century. In the creation of the world's first communist state, scale was everything: it was all-important that a homeland of the vast size of Russia should provide communism with security even in its weakest moments, and it was no less important that a population of important that a population of the property of happen at once: the March Revolution seemed to point in a quite different direction, as the House of Commons Resolution moved by Mr Bonar Law on March 22 shows:

That this House send to the Duma its fraternal greetings and tenders to the Russian people its heartiest congratulations upon the establishment among them of free institutions in full confidence that they will lead not only to the happy and rapid progress of the Russian nation, but to the prosecution with renewed steadfastness and vigour of the War against the stronghold of an autocratic militarism which threatens the liberty of Europe. That this House send to the Duma

Europe.
Russian liberals and West European democrats allke viewed the future through a haze of european; the French Socialist manister, M Albert

abated rest:

It was the greatest tragedy
of the year and of the century
that this hopeful excitement turned out to be antirely mis-placed, and that freedom in Russia was strangled shortly after birth—but that was yet to come.

to come.

Already, however, other un-m stakable ingredients of the twentieth century were deter-mining its texture. It is a cen-tury in which technology has increasingly taken command— indeed, our profoundest tragedy is that artificial acceleration of rechnology due to two world wars which has so palpably out wars which has so paperly to con-run humanity's capacity to con-rul the process. In 1917, of course, it was precisely the technology of war, and its transformation of two elements, that spelt the novelty, and in so doing brought into play the second dominating political force of the century: in that year submarine warfare and air warfare took on entirely new dimensions.

Submarine warfare had been

a factor to reckon with since:

the beginning of the war; in 1915 it had achieved great notociety through the sinking of the liner Lusitania, and all through 1916 it had been causing the British Admiralty and Government increasing concern. But it was in February, 1917, that Germany's un-restricted U-boat warfare began—the very name has a ring of twentieth century ruthlessness, like " unconditional surrender in the next war. And it is in-deed at this stage that the two deed at this stage that the two wars begin to assume their bleakest resemblances: a total of 6,623,623 tons of merchant shipping sunk in 1917, comparing handsomely with the height of the Eartle of the Atlantic, 1942, in which year 7,790,697 tons were sunk. So here, without doubt, was an ominous beout doubt, was an ominous be-Soviet Union's present massive fleet of submarines that will

The transformation of war in the air was also an omen. Zeppelin airships, wast, sinister, irightening, began to raid Britain in 1915, and continued to do so until August 1918; they were always alarming, but the damage they did bore no relation to their size. Raids by relation to their size. Raids by single-engined aircraft between 1915 and 1917 were mere pin-pricks. Then, in May 1917, a new phenomenon appeared: the Gotha G.IV bomber, whose two Mercedes engines generated 520hp, and whose upper wingspan was greater than that of any German aircraft sent against England during the Second World War. The Gotha could only manage a cruising speed of 80 mph, but three well-sited machine guns made it a very difficult target to attack. The first Gotha raid was carried out by 21 machines on May The first Gottla raid was carried out by 21 machines on May 25 against Folkestone and Shorn-cliffe Camp, killing 95 and wounding 195. In the first raid on London, on June 13, 162 were killed and 432 injured. Another raid on London on July 7 killed 57 and injured 193. But these statistics tell us little; the final total of casualties caused by German air raids of all kinds is 1,414 killed and 3,416 injured—a trifle by the standards of the Second World War. Yet, as the Chief of Im-perial General Staff, Sir Wil-liam Robertson, remarked as he came away from a Cabinet meeting. One would have meeting, One would have thought the world was coming to an end As the raids con-tinued, and the Gothas took to coming over by night also, hundreds of thousands of people flocked into the London Underground, and by September nightshift output in the factories had dropped to 27 per

cent. So another face of total twentieth-century war became visible and the passion it aroused had far-reaching consequences. Public anger at the Gotha raids demanded reprisals against Germany; out of this demand two things emerged— the creation of the Royal Air Force, and the setting up of an "Independent Air Force" which was, in fact, the initiator; of the concept of a decisive strategic air offensive against industry and civilian morale. The force available and the types of aircraft of 1917-18 were puny that by 1917 army and nation ameasures of the Post-heme by comparison with the massed were well-nigh exhausted: Lord were still not enough 4 soon squadrons of Lancasters and Esher, a shrewd observer of the it was followed by all con-

Hamburg, the savaging of Dresden, and ultimately Hiroshima and Nagasaki and all that they imply. The coming of the Gothas was a coming of doom. Gothas was a coming of doom.

However, it was not merely in the long term that these rechnological strides brought their retribusion, and put a stamp upon our age. The sinking of the Lusicania with the loss of about 100 American lives had done much to turn America against Germany; that unrestricted U-boat warfare would further alienate American opinion, was anticipated by the German High. Command They were right: on February 3 the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany; on April 6 America declared war. The short-term consequences were mixed: Allied public opinion was, of course, greatly cheered, but it was with shock and dismay that the British Government learned from the military member of its mission to America that only about 150,000 Americans could its mission to America that only about 150,000 Americans could be expected in France by the end of the year, and only about 500,000 by the end of 1918. As it turned out, the crises of that year brought a considerable improvement on this pro-gramme, so that by the Armistice there were over 2,000,000 Americans in France. Yet it is also true that effective large operations by the Americans did not take place until seven

teen months after their entry into the war. On the other hand, the long-term consequence of their coming in is the second political fundamental of the century: an involvement in European and world affairs from which America has never been able to disengage herself. In quick succession eventsuplanted their imprint upon 1917 and upon the future April, the month of America's declaration of war, was also the month of General Nivelle's well-adverti-sed "war-winning offensive in Champagne. From August 1914 until July 1916, at fearful cost, the French had borne the burden of the war in the West. Their responsible leaders knew that by 1917 army and nation

The transformation of war in Plying Fortresses of the Second French scene stationed in Paris, scription. In 1916 this met the reported: "France is very, very violent opposition not only of violent opposition of violent opposition not only of violent opposition opposition opposition not only of violent opposit 1916, would continue to do so in 1917. General Nivelle thought otherwise; his plan, promising to decide the issue in 48 hours, called for a massive blows by a homogeneous force of 90 divisions; only

force of 90 divisions; only France could supply that, so once more this would be a French battle.

Nivelle's offensive was launched on April 16, and it at once became obvious that the general did not possess the elixir of instant victory. In the aftermath of his failure, with. elizir of instant victory. In the aftermath of his failure, with the chagrin of more high losses and the depression of spirit from hope deferred, no less than 54 French divisions on the Western Front were affected by mutiny. Behind the front, there was a steady attrition of national morale by outrage and scandal, culminating in the arrest of the Minister for Home Affairs on a charge of treason. arrest of the Minister for home Affairs on a charge of treason. "Revolution", wrote Lord Beher, "is never very deep under the surface in France. The crust is very thin just now." The crust held in 1917, thanks to British effort and German distraction; by a miracle it continued to hold in 1918. In 1940 it gave way; but it takes no miracle of pene-tration to observe that the Fall of France which seemed so shocking in that year had actually begun 23 years earlier. Nor is it difficult to trace back France's bitter fights to regain prestige in Indo-Chino (Viernam) and Algeria to the dis-asters of 1940 and 1917. The sense of change, of deep,

drastic alarming change, was strong in Britain. Recruiting was a revealing symptom: be-tween 1914 and 1916 no less mocked at traditional installa-than 3,408,663 voluntary enlist-ments were recorded in the scription and controls which United Kingdom—a last expression of the spirit of the mind; casualty lists which renineteenth century. It was a staggering figure, but the wor, of course, needed far more. As the flow of volunteers di-minished, the Perby Scheme was devised to fill the need in 1916—"one of the shot-gun weddings between fair maid of Liberal idealism e halfof Tory militarism

of the distinctly twentieth-century Labour movement and trade unions. Yet by 1917 the scorned, reviled. foreign sys-tem of conscription was an established part of the British way of life. Because it had come in late, and because of the raveges of the voluntary system ("the Principle of Unequal Sacrifice") and also he cause old artifudes died hard. it never reached full efficiency: Brirain suffered a manrower shortage for the rest of the war.

Nevertheless, once more we

see a blueprint: conscription was a necessary part of a partern of rotal war which involved virtually the whole nation, and between 1939 and most intense mobilization of any belligerent. Nor was this simply a matter of manpower; ir was part of the increasing regulation of all aspects of life regulation of all aspects of life by government which is another unmistakable artribute of our centory. One illustration will suffice: Winston Churchill became Minister of Munitimis in July, 1917; by November, 1918, he says:
Nearly all the mines and workshops of Britain were in our hands. We controlled and were actually managing all the greatest industries. We regulated the supply of all their ruw materials. We organized the whole distribution of their finished products Nearly we interwoven on every side will every other sphery of the national economic life.

economic life.
Lenin himself could harding have asked for more. Air raids which emphasized that island security had gove for good; U-boats which mocked at traditional country vealed that in this war, or any rate, the British were not in a different class from the test of the human race; these were of the human race: these were the shocks by which the public was informed by a line was born. The public man forgiven for not liking thappening; succeeding continues are less to be forgive for not understanding it. They

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Continued from opposite page have found similar difficulty with the chief British military activity of the year.

The 1917 Flanders offensive officially known as the Third Bartle of Ypres, but generally referred to as "Passchenreferred to as "Passchen-daele", was born under a shadow, and cast a long shadow before it. The British public and the Government; especially the Prime Minister, Mr Lloyd George, were still realing from the unprecedented casualty lists of the Somme as 1917 came in; soon they were reeling egain from the casualty lists of the Battle of Arras, fought in support of General Nivelle—150,000 in

and detestation that the Prime Minister, saw enother great offensive begin in July. In truth, the Flanders offensive as nowhere near as costly as the Somme the Flanders figures were 244,000 in three and a half months, whereas for the Sourme the total was 415,000 in four and a half months. The rate of loss for both battles was to be hideously exceeded when the Germans stracked the British in 1918, but no one was to know that, and current homefrom doctrine was that offensives were the most expensive way of making war.

When, at the end of it all, General Nivetie—150,000 in thanks largely to the vile two months. It was thus with weather of 1917, the army apprehension that the public, found itself only about six

miles forward, its last gain being the brick-coloured stain in the waste of mud that was all that remained of the village. of Passchendaele, the sense of glastly futility was very great. The army itself, in the revolting swamps of the Ypres Salient, was certainly depressed; but the army had a better inkling than those at home of what had been happening to the enemy. His corpses could be counted. And the Germans had very little doubt about " Pass-"the greatest martydom of the world war." They admitted that by the end of it "the Ger-man sword had become blumed"; as one contemplates what they were able to do even with a blunt sword in 1918, it

nc mean result. Yet down all the decades since, "Passchen-ducle" has been a name of horror in Britain, exercising baneful influence on Anglo-American strategy in the next war, and continuing to

we need however, to glance hack once more to commended it fully. The March Revolution in Russia was a heaven-con boon to Germany; the :Suration of Nivelle in Ap 1 and May was also helpful, but Ludendorff frankly admits:

During these two months of 1917,

serious trouble.

In July the Russians, urged on by their War Minister, Alex-ander Kerensky, launched their ander kerensky, launched their last offensive; it was quickly stopped, and the German continuing to demoralize to this day.

While the great battle was still in progress the next large step into the future was taken; in the Fatherland, By the same in the Army and step into the future was taken; in the Fatherland, By the same a small but highly effective token, they notwerfully die Caeman continuant which token, they powerfully dis-heartened Russia, and lent added point to the anti-war agitation of the Bolsheviks. The crippling of Russia had a further important effect: it made possible a brief revival

redeployed against the one enemy that all its component races hated-Italy.

German contingent which included the future Field-German Marshal Rommel, struck the Italians at Caporetto. In the first week of their offensive they claimed 180,000 prisoners; by the end of the battle Italian losses were more than 300,000. of Austria-Hungary. That losses were more than 300,000.

empire had been brought to its Italy has never recovered from

Brusilov; now its polyglot army revolutionary situation which could be pulled together and produced Mussolini's Fascism, and it planted the moral canker which brought the Duce's dreams of power to dust. The miserable sequel to the high hopes of the Risorgimento that we see in Italy today dates

a ruinous, shartering peace, with the threat of further dismem-berment behind it. From the

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The Road to Passchendoele: the Floading
Ollensive at 1917: a Study in there
oblity, by John Terraine.

Ephemeral scraps

than an individual can were. materialize from the pasted pages. For example, the snobbery of Victorian England is seen in scrapbook pages decorated with crests, coronets and monograms cut from enveiope flaps or letter-headings. The romantic materialism of attempt has six panels, each 1950s Britain is suggested by a with a dominant character—Dr 1950s Britain is suggested by a boy's scrapbook of that period in which many of the scraps are curous of flashy Ameri-

The history of scraps and scrapbooks is given by a Swe-dish writer, Elizabeth Ralf, in Angels and Roses, a short book now translated into English.
This book concerns only the
rommercial prefabricated
scraps, sold in sheets ready for
sticking in albums—oot the

advertisements, giving a more immediate period flavour.

I recently bought an early nineteenth-century engraving entitled The Duchess of Do-

of pages with scraps.

scraps. "He pasted me and The subconscious of an age now do I paste him", as it

cloth or stout calico.



Robert Cruikshank. Without knowing the book from which the print is taken, it is impossible to say for certain, but as the screen is crammed with designs of Red Indians, halloonists, guardsmen, archers and Regency dandles, it may see the screen archers. Robert Cruiksbank. well be a scrap screen.

Elizabeth Ralf writes: "It is

molithographs and sold in sheets or one by one". But she speculates that the earliest scraps date from around 1865: the first steam-driveo lithographic printing machine was patented in 1863, and the rotary press, machine-made paper and improved punching and embossing machines followed in the 1870s.

Mamelok Press (who estab-lished a branch in England) Another embossing firm, Louis Prang, set up a branch in the United States.

The great age of scrap collecting was 1870 to 1910. The themes were often sentimental. The "angels" of Elizabeth

figures; luscious fr rhyme

Good Food Guide

A second wave of exotica

from October 1917. And by the old Russian

calender the same month (November 7 by ours) brought the most important fact of the twentieth century: the October Revolution which carried the Bolsheviks to power. Now all the expectations of democracy and liberation of the talents of a great notion withered in the bud. The Bolsheviks only ful-filled one of their promises to in spite of our Aisus-Champagne knees by the end of 1916 under Caporetto. The disaster conthe Russian people : peace. But victory, it was the Russian Revo-the hammer-blows of General tributed directly to the semi-the Peece of Brest-Litovsk was

dire consequences of this false act of the Bo'sheviks were only by the victory of the Allies in 1918. From the dire consequences of saving them the world has never been delivered. The October Revolurice, with all that flowed from it, is the most significant fact of our time; that clore makes 1917 "Year One" of the twentieth century-but as we have seen, history was not content with only one sign. History laboured the point.

ability, by J Cooper, £11.50.)

Collecting

Long before Braque and Max newspapers,

Ernst made the art of collage respectable to art historians, respectable to art historians, that "disqueting union of unike images", as William Gaunt calls it in his book The Surrealists, had been perpetrated by the compilers of nineteenth-century scrapbooks, some of them mere children.

The scrapbook was in truth what the Surrealist collage set out to be: a sampking-flask of the subconscious. An artist such as Ernst might imagine that he was revealing his most covert feelings in collage, but there was a contrivance and self-consciousness about the exercise quite lacking in the Victorians' innocent spattering of pages with scraps.

The subconscious of an age.

More recent makers of scrap screens include the writer Elizabeth Jenkins, who favours Victoriana; Sir Frederick Ashton, whose theme, neturally, is the ballet; and Margaret Lane (Lady Huntingdon) whose first Johnson, David Gerrick, Lord Chesterfield, Dickens, Jane Austen and the Brontes, Miss Lene, who predicts a fashion-able return of the scrap screen, recommends a lightweight frame made by a carpenter, the hollow panels covered with taut hessian, sail-

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their shoulders. Other subjects included small girls decorated the wrappings of riding doves festioned in confectionery and were later roses; a purched soldier being sold for their own attractions, given water by a native given water by a native woman; common nursery comparable to the wax variety that Victorians kept under glass domes; and cats and dogs in every imaginable twee

Left: "The Duchess of Do-Good's Screen-an attractive subject to Tom, Logic and Jerry". Drawn and engraved by

Robert Cruikshank. quent, as embossed scraps tures, two militiamen holding were a staple ingredient of the blank flags, a medieval knight made-up net stockings sold in with a blank shield and so on. made-up net stockings sold in toy shops. The scraps industry centinued well into the twentieth century and among later subjects are early biplanes, again garlanded with roses or

Some subjects are missing. Death is absent in this world " Elizabeth Ralf writes. "War has been present from the very beginning; but judging from old album books and collections such scraps were not very popular." Courtship was "the most beloved subject". But for young Germans there were "juicy murder stories" or "a five-inch devil spanking a poor little boy".

pansies and escorted by squad-rons of bluebirds.

One category not mentioned Elizabeth Ralf is the marby Elizabeth Ralf is the mar-ket for coronets, monograms and crests. This began as a snobbish habit of snipping the crests and monograms from illustrious stationery and past-ing them in an album to show off one's grand acquaintance. By the 1870s this craze was of such dimensions that manufacturers began to make albums specially for the crests.

I recently bought for £7 in Chelses one of these albums, almost certainly made in Germany. The blank pages were filled with the insignia of virtually the entire Almanach de Gotha. But every other page had a design with spaces to be filled in with cut-out crests; a

The commercialization of this hobby did not stop there. Eventually some cunning manufacturer realized that manufacturer realized that those collectors with too few grand correspondents would gladly buy ready-made envelope crests and letter-headings to stick in their albums. One can imagine the nonchalant wave of a crest: "That's Grand Pulse France Cost." Duke Ernst of Oettingen-Oettingen. We met him at Marien-bad last year."

Good shops for old scraps in London are Pleasures of Past Times. 11 Cecil Court, WC2; John Hall, 17 Harrington Road, SW7; and Sebastian D'Orsai, 6 Kensington Mall, W.S. Melody and Harold Carlton, stand M7 Antiquarius Market, Kings Road, Chelsea, have some good scraps in stock including an outsimpling Father Christmas not overpriced at £30.

If you prefer to make up your own scrapbook rather than collect other people's compilations of the past, Polcompilations of the past, Fol-lock's Toy Museum, 1 Scal-Street, W.1 (near Goodge Street Underground station) sell a Victorian scrap album ready for use, with elaborate nineteenth-century cartouches, at £1.35. They also sell Eliz-abeth Raif's little book. The price is normally about £1, but it is reprinting at present, and the price will "depend on the

Bevis Hillier

Drink

The accessories

Presents for wine lovers are casy to choose. No one ever has enough of plain linen glass.

As a small gift from a luxury sheep and in quantities for my appeared, one or two in crystal bond Street, Loadon, Will be other than delighted with an extra corksrew, though the artra corksrew, though that are tracted as the standard size.

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The good corkscrew has a rounded spiral ending in a curve, that will hold the cork firmly. David Mellor, 4 Sloane Square, London, SW1, have a large selection of corkscrews unfortunately some being the unfortunately some being the uncatisfactory kind. But they have the boxwood type, which a very easy to use (£1.77), the "Writer's Friend" with knife, bottle opener and hook for prising up sparkling wine corks (£2.05), and an expanding stopper, which is put into a bottle
of still or sporkling wine
and then operated by a lever,
so that the wine is sealed. This is especially useful because it vill stopper plagnums and large size: ic costs £1.12.

Henry Collison, 7 Bury Street, St James's, London, SW1, have of Jemes's, London, SW1, have a range of good lnexpensive glasses, including "flutes" for sparkling wines (86p each) and a slightly squared off goblet that would be good for all wines, in spire of its name—the "Hock Chester" (£1.51 each). Henry Collison was established in 1815 in the City and the founder's son set up as a wine merchant at Table Bay, so the firm have maintained strongth interests at the Cape and list African wines, as well as others—if you take the easy way out and arrange a credit at a wine merchant, sending the list to a riend, this gould provide many lovelties. Victoria Wine shops an supply wine tokens from Op upwards, which can be used for any purchases in their

Fine glass and crystal, at orices usually far lower than night be expected, are always in lock at The General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street, Condon SW1, and currently they have a range of wine coolers mported from Italy by Brand The bottle has to be hilled first but then, in the ylindrical holder, it will remain ool for up to three hours, even a stuffy atmosphere, without my ice. The coolers have covers o accord with formal or casual intertaining and they save pace at table as well as being reful for keeping sherry or crmouth cool on the sideboard or drinks tray. Prices for these olers start at £4.75 and go up o £7.25; each will hold a spark.

Pamela Vandyke Price

PACKETER OF THE PARTY AND PROPERTY.

Stoopers for sparkling wines are also excellent gifts for the con-vulescent or a cherished friend who likes a single glass or two and who appreciates that, as the wine from a bottle is always better than that from a half, it is sensible to draw from a whole bottle which can then be stoppered and kept in a cool place. Les Amis du Vin, 51 Chiltern Street, W1, have the besic sparkling wine stopper that grips over the bottle lip and is easy to use even by those whose hands may be less strong then they were; the stopper costs £1.50, and there is also a silver-topped plain cork for £2.95, an elegant stocking filler. Les Amis stock the wonderful Larmat wine maps of France and the main French wine regions: Vineyards of France costs £4.45. Bordeaux £2.95. Muscadet and Loire £4.35 and there are others —all prices including postage of the unframed beautifully de-

pronged cork pullers—admir-able for dealing with fragile corks (£1.50)—and a twin spiral corkscrew (£1.25) light enough

for magnums, if you have al-ready given them in the standard size which cost from f12.85. But a more modest and of these leaves has a spike that bottle, they are joined by a silver chain so that the cork may be hung round the neck of the decapter. Andrew Low's de-canter cleaning fluid (65p) might be another stocking filler. He has decanter and bin labels, leather decorking boots, and

you for: thistle or "Elgin" glasses—unfit for any liquid; brandy warmers, which merely ruin the finest spirit by cooking it; Champagne "saucers" which flatten the wine; or elaborate wine cradles and racks—the simplest kind are

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Korean barbecues instead.

tailed maps.
Other of their stocking presents that you will want to keep for yourself include double

corkscrew (11.25) light enough
for any pocket or even an
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can arrange for diamond point engraving to be done on presentation glasses. But no wine lover will thank

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to Britain colonists numerou enough to need a restaurant of their own. Happy indeed (if not from the original migrants' point of view) have been the chances that brought Peking duck, tandoori chicken, moussiks and zabaglione within the purview of the man on the Clapham bus; but a different turn or two of the world's whirligig could easily have brought him ful medames, masala dosai, couscous and

True, a reasonably inquisi-tive Londoner can find, if he tries, meals that fall into the second group as well as ones ferent story in Maidstone or Gateshead. For the cuisine of a catesness. For the cuisate of a particular region of the world to lodge itself in the folk awareness of the British, various quite complex conditions have to be satisfied.

First, some disturbing event or structural imbalance in the country of origin has to propel people here: a war in Evorus, faming in Bengal, underem-ployment in the Avennines. Then, the people who come have to be poor enough, or otherwise motivated, to use every skill they possess as a point of entry into the British economic system—and cooking. like music has the great ad antage of being su international language that they can start to use almost as soon And the particular style that

they bring with them has to be in Pritish terms, comparatirely chesn; it is no use producing 'exotic' meals that

selves, they do not expect them to be appreciated by gei-jin, and anyway, their diet and restaurant culture depends on expensive fish, expensive art-work, and highly-paid labour. So the typical Japanese restructions that surround Eustaurant customer remains a ton and King's Cross, is larger, South-East Asian cooking of (the owner is an architect).

them, except to est in them-

a tourist-conscious sort has been obtainable in London for many years, but recently there have been enough new and authentic-seeming places to surgest that the British eating public is being belatedly introduced to a new set of tastes, possibly arracted here by our education system, which South-East Asians are rather keen.

on.
The most popular—partly because the most central—is Rasa Sayang, whose "impen-etrable fug" and evocative stromas took one visitor back to the Singapore crokshops of the late 1940s. "If you want something even hotter than the place specializes, try sambal udang (prawns)," he says.

Chilli-heat and other flavours in fact vary considerably here from dry to day, because apparently you lose face in this genre of cookery if you measure ingredients. But other tavourites, after numerous Guide users visits, include ikan panggang ("mackerel like you've never had it before "), rendang (Sumatran beef with coconut, coconut pancake, and
—for visual rather than gustatory reasons—a drink called
chendol, which you might

ened a new and grander place. off Leicester Square, (They have taken the chef there too, so progress must be watched in both places.) Mata Hari, in the still grow-ing colonly of South-East Asian

and more elaborately equipped It has the resources to mount a full rijstrafel, but since these multi-disk set meals (from £5 a head for four to six people) have unwelcome colonislist overtones in Indone-sia, it might be more tectful as well as more interesting to make up your own meal from

the carts—which is intelligi-bly tranclated with further advice obtainable from the staff. (By and large, Malay-sians and Indonesians make gentler waiters and restaurant managers than the brusque Chinese with whom Londoners have become familiar.)
It is on record that Mata Hari's kitchen possesses a pair of scales, but its rojak—the spicy sweet salad that Rasa Sayang does well—so overloaded with ground peanuts that even a lover of this characteristic Indonesian ingredient wondered if the chef had miscounted. However, other Indonesian However, other Indonesian classics were good when tried

recently.

The best dishes on this occasion were the rendang (£1.95), kelia udang (very fresh Pacific prawns in what the eater describes as "hot, sharp, oily golden sludge") and the golden sludge") and the clucken (avem) in another, sauce of sludge-like consist-

skipped, and drinks confined to beer or ten, one can est well for under £4 a head.

Other cheapish Indonesian Other cheapish Indonesian places worth noting, if that is where you happen to be, are the Satay House in Paddington ("fresh-fried murtabak, like rotis wrapped round an oniony omelette, 90p") and the Singapore in Marylebone Lane. But at this level one does as well as the property state of the same of the s better with another genre low-price restaurant still fairly new to London: the South Indian places, mostly vegetarian, run mainly Gujeratis. The Diwana Ebel Poori house

near Ruston is as quick and near Muston is as quick and companionable as the name implies ("bhel poori" is a phrase for snacks sold by kinerant vendors) and it announces itself by the spicy frying smell that goes with sameses. But there are also the samosas. But there are also the bhel pooris themselves, for instance, "a cold salad with pine nuts and fresh coriander, loosely allied to what other South Indian restaurants call a chat". Complete meals are also served on the round steel trays called thalis. These usually include dhal, rice, curried vegetables, chapatis or puris, and the mouth-tingling sweet called shrikhand, in which the dominant impressions are cardamom and good curd cheese.

Turning south-which means turning towards the heat in an Indian food sense-and moving a few hundred yards east in a description certainly covers the London sense, one finds the pork-stuffed dumplings ("pel-

a comparatively small one. His own restaurant, though

small has a calmer acmosphere than these others, and with El and an hour to spare King's Cross, there or so round would be no better entertain-ment than his crisp potatofilled pancake with coconut churney (masala dosai, 60p) and iddly (rice flour dump-ling) with sambar (a hot lend) sauce). The fritter-like onion bhajlas, methi-seeded green banana or other vegetable banana or other vegetable dishes (from 50p) and lemon rice fill out a longer meal.
The Guide's inspector

tor on chilli oriental detachment, chilli-palate by now thoroughly aroused, went finally in search of the last—well, not quite the last-major branch of Chinese cuisine to blossom on these shores. Since the British appe-tite for emphatic spicing has long since been proven, it is odd that Pekinese, Cantonese, Hongkong and Shanghai res-taurants have been so slow to make room for one or two Sze make room for one or two Sze-chuan places as well, and it was a severe disappointment the other day when trial of the "Szechuan feast" advertised by Paper Tiger in Exhibition Road produced instead a nomi-nation for the year's most bland, boring and ill-cooked Chinese meal.

One should have known that the real thing—" guaranteed to clear out your sinuses if you're feeling phlegmatic", a doctor says—would turn up in Ger-rard Street after all. That

to consider the cold chilli-sauce version here, with Szechuan pepper (the grows its own variety) and sesame oil lurking somewhere sesame oil lurking somewhere in the background (£1.30). "Silver Jubilee Enterprises" own this little place— which is not even licensed, and is due to move a few doors away in the New Year. Customers should emerge like all the best dragons: breathing fire. Rasa Sayang, 22 Bateman Street, W1. Tel 01-734 8720. Closed Sunday. Must book. Meals, 12-2.45, 6-11.15. Table d'hôte from 85p. A la carre meal about £2.60.

Matz Hari, 34-38 Eversholt Street, NW1. Tel 01-388 0131. Closed Monday. Meals, 12-3, 6-12 (noon-1 am, Friday and Saturday). Rijstrafel £4-£5.50. A la certe meal about £3.40. Satay House, 13 Sale Place, W2. Tel. 01-723 6763. Closed Monday lunch. Must book din-ner and weekends. Meals 12-3, 6-11. A la carte meal about £3. Diwana Bhel Poori House, 121 Drummond Street, NW1: Tel 01-387 5556. Must book, Meals noon-11 pm. A la carte meal about 22.

Ganpath, 372 Gray's Inn Road, WC1. Tel. 01-278 1938. Closed Sunday Meals 12-2-45, 6-10.15 (10.45, Friday and Saturday). A la carte meal about £2.95. Dragon Gate, 7 Gerrard Street, W1. Tel 01-734 3138. A la carre meal about £3.

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Gardening

Appealing pools

Continuing with thoughts about constructional jobs that can be done during the winter let us consider a garden pool, or even more ambitiously a water garden. Pools and boggy margins never seem to lose their appeal and thanks to modern materials and techniques a water feature is a possibility for every garden, large or small. Today, a garden pool may be installed cheaply, easily and quickly.

This is a good period to construct a pool. Then it can remain full of water all winter to test it for watertightness and it will be ready for plant-

ing in spring.
Important points to remember when making a water garden are siting, depth and a right choice of plants and compost. All these have a direct bearing on its future success or failure.

shape. A geometrical design and perhaps electricity when for example is the most appropulate for a formal garden you have a sloping informal with straight paths and beds, site you may be able to make also in an artificial setting several small pools and install such as on a terrace or adjoining a house.

Informal shapes are better if the pool is sited in a rock or wild garden setting, where the keynote is simplicity and naturalness.

In any event start by outlin-ing the shape on the ground with small wooden stakes and the depth, or series of depths, required. Waterfillies and underwater oxygenators need a lighting is also easily installed pared now by thoroughly dignormal agnatics are associated and is attractive. Another ging and cleaning the soil, marginal aquatics are perfectly happy in six to 10 inches of

Purchase some strong burylsheeting from a garden shop and stretch this right across the hole. Anchor the sides with bricks or blocks of stone and run water from a hose into the centre. As the weight of water builds to the fabric will stretch and take on the contours of the excavation.

become a focal point and pools or rocks, soil or turves Gardens Chester, Cheshire, attract maximum interest. Sit elsewhere. In May plant water I ing will also influence its It is wise to key on water very firmly in special aqu

a small electric pump to recirculate water so that it tumbles down from the topmost pool to the lowest one in a series of small waterfalls. In a formal pool a submers-

fountain that gives a number when you are satisfied with of different jet patterns also in woodland settings. The the result excavate the soil to pumps that operate a jet and a fronds are also useful for cutadvantage of installing electricity to the pool is that a small pool heater can be used to too 12m. Topdress the finished keep an area of water free of bed with a thin layer of bone-ice in frosty weather—very meal (two to three ounces to portant if you have valuable fish in the pool. It is of course wise to have any mains electric comes round in March and connections done by a compe- April.

tent electrician. Specialist firms dealing with marginal plants, fish and all harts tongues, Phyllitis scolo-Garden pools must be in full sure off any surplus the pumps and other access forms, all basically contains will not flower. It should also be in a position of importance where it can sight under paving for formal diesex, and Stapely Water and surplus scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and surplus tongues, Proguetts scolor the pumps and other access and sound the pumps

In May plant water lilies very firmly in special aquatic baskets, which have holes all round their sides, using a soil mix of heavy fibre loam and bonemeal; use half a pint of the latter to a bucketful of loam. Cover the top of the baskets with half an inch of clean shingle to prevent fish from rooting into the mud and then place the basket in the pool.

Ferns after a long period of ible pump to create a variety neglect are currently enjoying of fountain jets can be very a revival. They are ideal for attractive. One can even have a moist shady spots near fences or buildings, north borders or in woodland settings. The

meantime working in plenty of moist peat or leaf soil in the the square yard) and leave to settle until planting time

There are many kinds of hardy ferns; among the best and most adaptable being the

"Crispa", "Marginata" and "Undulata".
Another good fern is Marteuccia struthiopteris whose three to five fronds grow in an open circle—like a shuttlecock or a waste paper basket; there are also the lady fern Ath-wium filix-femina and its forms Aff "Coronatum", Aff "Cristatum" and Aff "Plumo-sum"—all with frond variations-and the beautiful, evergreen shield ferns, Polystichum aculeatum and forms.

suitable for very moist soils, such as is found in the environs of a water garden, leaves on 3ft stems.

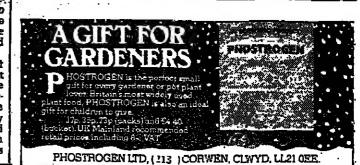
notably the osmundas or royal

Sources of supply of ferns
ferns. These bear their spores include Reginald Kaye, Silveron separate fronds, which look dale, Laucashire, and Perrys like brown flowers so that they Hardy Plant Farm, Enfield, are often called flowering Middlesex. ferns. The most easily grown and obtainable are O cir.

mea, O claytoniana and O regalis. The oak fern, Onoclea sensibilis makes dense mats of rhi-zomes, from which rise 12 to 24in barren oak-leaf shaped fronds, with the fertile fronds

Ift higher. Good plants to associate with ferns are bluebells, Cardamine asarifolia, Anemone appennina, Primula juliae and Tiarella wherryi in spring, foxgloves, impatiens and nasturtiums for summer colour and, late in the There are also a few ferns season, Kirengeshoma palmata; with waxy yellow flowers-like drop earrings—and maple-like

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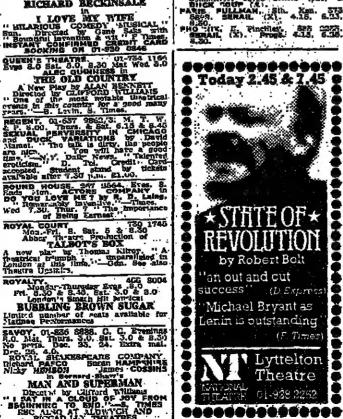
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11 am, ITV Sunday morning stayabeds could do worse than 11 am. ITV Sunday morning stayabeds could do worse than struggle up to see Harlech's new Master Gold series, which for 13 weeks (with the help and advice of five top golfers) is going to try to get all of us ready and able to tee up next spring.

12 noon, ITV Live from Scotland Weekend World asks Liberal leader David Steel how he sees the way ahead . . and recorded, as background seriousness, what can Sadat do to

support his Mid-East peace plan.

7.15 pm, BBC! There is something inescapably fascinating about Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco. Once Upon a Time . . . Is Now rotells the fairy story, well almost, of her progress from

New rotells the tarry story, well almost, or her progress from Rollywood to Highness.

10 pm, ITV Yorkahire Television's Treats is a superbly witty, infinitely sad three-character comedy of our times. Not to be missed, if possible.

11.15 pm, ITV (London only) One of London's biggest problems, ranking in importance alongside inter-city decay perhaps, is moving about—public transport versus the motor car. The London Programme looks at the past debacle and towards the next. Iain Redpath

SATURDAY TV London Weekend BBC 1 S.15 am, Bagpuss. 9.30. Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus: 12.50, 1.30, 2.05, 2.40, Racing from Cheltenham: 1.10, 1.45, Round the World Yacht Bace: 1.50, Boxing, 2.20, 4.00, Crosscouncy, IAC Philips International Meeting: 2.55, Darts, Vernou's Treble Top National Championships: 3.15, Rugby, St Helens v Featherstone Rovers: 4.40, Final Score. 5.16, Tom and Jerry.
5.20 News. 8.30 am, Skilful Soccer. 8.55 Junior Police 5. 9.00, Our Show. 8.30 am, Skilful Soccer. 8.55, Junior Police 5. 9.00, Our Show. 11.90, Film: Dentist in the Chair (1961), with Bob Monkhouse, Peggy Cummins, Kenneth Connor.* 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.60, Professional Cycling, European Motorpaced Championships. 1.10, News. 1.29, The ITY Seven: 1.30 Newcastie; 1.45 Lingfield; 2.00 Newcastie; 2.45 Lingfield; 2.30 Newcastie; 2.45 Lingfield; 3.00 Newcastie. 3.10, World Cup Skilng. 3.50, Half-time Round-Up. 4.00; Wresfling, 4.50, Results Service. 5.20 News. 5.35 Basil Brush. 6.05 Dr Who. 5.05 News. 5.15 Woody Woodpecker. 6.30 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game. 5.15 7.25 The Duchess of Duke Street. Man from Atlantis. New Faces:

Sale of the Century. 8.20 The Two Ronnies. 9.05 Starsky and Hutch. Mallory: Circumstantial Evidence, with Raymond Burr. 10.05 Match of the Day. 9.45 News. 11.05 Parkinson. 10.00 Tony Hatch Music Show. 12.05 am, Weather. A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers. Regions variations (BBC 1):
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3.05 pm, Film; Father of the Bride, with Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett, Elizabeth Taylor: 4.35, Play Away. 5.05, Horizon: The Healing Mightmare: Carl Gustav Jung. 6.66, Open Door: Family Aid Centre. Family Crisis. 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert, with Dr Feelgood, Isa Dury.
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8.50 The Men Who Made the Movies: Vincente Minnelli.
9.50 Film: Ein Tag. Egon Granada
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11:25-1.35 am, Film: Some Came Ruming, with Frank Sina-tra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, Arthur Kennedy.

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THE WEEK'S FILMS

Even though we're again denied Screen International,

Deven though we're again denied Screen International, it's a great week on BBC TV for vintage films of the Forties and Fifties. A Vincente Minnelli season starts this afternoon (BBC2, 3.05) with Father of the Bride (1950), a charming, loosely built comedy which showed the American middle class as it then liked to see itself. Spencer Tracy and Joan Bennett are the harassed parents, and a very young, benutiful and not yet wed Elizabeth Taylor is the bride of the title. Tonight (BBC2, 11.25) Some Came Rumning, made in 1959, shows Minnelli suffering the state of inflation that overtook his later career. It has Frank Sinatra as a disillusioned writer shows Minnelli suffering the state of inflation that overtook his later career. It has Frank Sinaura as a disillusioned writter returned from the Army and is that sort of film.

Later in the week, though, we return to Minnelli's green era with Cabin in the Sky (tomerrow, BBC2, 10.40 pm), his first musical (1943), which adapted Lyun Roots's all-black stage show, and the inimitable Meet ble in St Loois (Thursday, BBC2, 9.25 pm). After 33 years, the charm of this gentle, romantic, turn-of-the-century period piece secms only to grow. As well as Judy Garland and the infant Margaret O'Brien, who nearly steals the film from her, it has the beautiful Mary Astor and I troupe of MGM's best-loved character players.

Tomorrow (BBC1, 1.55) the Film of the Book is Black Naccissus whose colour images still look superb after 30 years. The story of the hidden tensions and sexual frustrations beneath the calm surfaces of a Himalayan numbery shows Michael Powell us one of the rare British directors able to handle the crotic.

Later in the day (BBC1, 8.15) there is Dial M for Murdet.

This fairly straight adaptation of Frederick Knort's play is mostly notable as the first Hitchcock film with Grace Kelly, and for being made originally in 3D. (The BBC announce pleasantly: "Our print is for the left eye")

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(Wednesday, BBCL, 6.55), made in 1944, by which time Basil
Rathbone and Nigel Bruce were rather walking through their
rules as Holmes and Watson; and on Friday (BBCL, 6.55)
Robert Aldrich's lively 1954 swashbuckler Vera Cruz, about
adventurers Gary Cooper and Burt Lancaster no less—in
Maximilian's Mexico.

David Robinson

SUNDAY TV London Weekend BBC 1

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9.00 am, Playboard. 9.15, The Sunday Gang. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 16.25, Trade Union Studies. 110.50, Kontakte. 11.15-11.30, Parosi. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15. pm. Sunday Worship from William Temple Church, Wythenshawe, Manchester. 1.60, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker, 1.55, News Headlines. 1.55, Kilm of the Book: Black Narcissus, by Rumer Godden, with Deborah Kerr. Sabu, David Farrar, Flora Robson, Esmond Knight, Jean Simmons. 3.30, Daffy Duck. 3.46, The Righ Chaparral. 4.30, The Osmonds. 5.00, Royal Heritage: Yictoria, Queen and Empress.
6.00 News.
6.10 The Children of the New Forest.

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buty.
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BBC 2 9.55-11.20 am, Open University:
Open Forum, Advice to New Students: 10.20-11.20, Open Forum,
How a Course is Made. 3.19 pm,
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Machine. 3.45, Arena: Theatre,
Leonard Rossibr and Nola Rae.
4.20, Book Programme: The Best
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8.90 News.

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9.00 The Lively Arm: Documentary portrait of Australian-born painter Sidney Nolan.

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11.00, Master Golf. 11.30, Happy
Days (r). 12.00, Weekend World.
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Big Match. 3.00, Film: Miss Robin
Hood (1952).* 4.15, Danger in
Paradise. 5.15, Adam Smith (r).
5.45, Just William.
6.15 News.
6.25 The Big Question.
6.45 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 The Rag Trade.
7.45 Film: The Burglars
(1973), with Omar Sharif,
Jean-Paul Belmondo, Dyan
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9.45 Police 15.
10.00 Play: Treats, with John
Hurt, Tim Conti, Kate Neiligan.

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11.15 London Programme,
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(r). 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30,
Untamed Frontiers. 11.08, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Space 1999
(r). 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film:
Good Neighbour Sam, with Jack
Lemoa, Romy Schneider, Edward
G. Robinson, Dorothy Provine.
5.15, London. 7.45, Film: Monte
Carlo or Bust, with Tony Curtis,
Susan Hampshire, Peter Cook,
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5.20, London. 3.00, Film: High
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Lianelli v Coventry. 5.50, The Long
Search: West Meets East.
6.40 News Review.
7.15 The World About Us:
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1 6.80 zm. News; Tom Edwards, S.03. Racing Bulletin. 8.06. Rd Stewart. 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.09. Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm, Rock On. 1.2.10, Alan Freeman. 3.31. Rock and Roll. 1 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert. Dr Feelgood, lan Dury. 7.30, Top Tanes, 8.15. Acker Bilk. 1 8.45. Radio Ochestra. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.10, Wally Whyton. 1 11.02, Ray Moore. 1 12.31-12.33 am, News. 1 Stereo.

6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02. Today Johnson † 12.02 pm. Two's Best 1.02. Albert and MA. 1.30-3.55, Sport, including: Football; Racing at Cheltenham; Cricket, Pakistan; Tennis, Bremer Cup Semi-finals; 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Europe 77: Finland. 7.02, Moreaumbe and Wisc. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

7.55 am. Weather. 8.00, News. 8.85, Gershwin, Grainger. 9.00, News. 9.65, Record Review. 10.15, Stereo Release: Shostakovich. 11.15, Michala Petri; Handel, Van 11.15, Michala Petri; Handel, Van Eyek, Telemann, Berio, Vivaldi.; 12.02 pm, John Amis.; 12.55, News. 1.00, Piano recipi: Beethoven and Schubert.; 2.00, Man of Action: Alan Peacock; 3.35, Mozart, Schubert.; Stranss, Smetanz.; 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.; 5.35, Critics' Forum, 6.40 Introduction to Storace's Opera, by Roger Fiske. 7.05, The Comedy of Errors, by Stephan Storace, part 1; 8.40, Persons View, by S. E. Finer. 9.00, The Comedy of Errors, part 2.; 10.38, Soumis Interesting.; 11.25-11.36, News.

6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.5e, Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sport on 4. 8.40, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 8.55, Labour Party political broadcast. 9.00, News. 9.16, Pick of the Week. 10.90, News. 10.62, From Our Owa Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Between the Lines 11.00, News. 11.22, The Week in Westminster. 11.20, Science Now. 12.00, News. 11.22, Science Now. 12.00, News. 11.52, Any Questions? 2.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, News. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He. Take Sugar? 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Kalekidoscope Encore. 5.30, Week Ending. 5.55, Robert Robinson. 7.38, Christopher Grier, records. 3.30, Play: Exic. 9.58, Weather. 10.09, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Engere Inshore forecast.

SUNDAY

1 6.30 am, News. Sam Costa.† 3.09, Playground. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.09, Anne Nightingale. 5.10, Elvis Presley Story. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.02, Albert and Me. 7.30, Glamoroms Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tuncs.† 10.02, Sports Deck. 10.95, Softly Sentimetrial.† 11.02, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.

6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.63, Gospel concert; 8.32, Radio 1. 10.62, David Jacobs.; 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.; 2.02, Morecambe and Wise.; 2.36, The Songwriters: Oscar Rammerswin.; 3.38, Deryck Guyler. 4.02, Sports Desk. 4.94, Charlie Chester.; 6.60, Radio 1. 7.82, Brain of Sport. 7.39-12.33 am, Radio 1.

7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Motart and the Violin Somata. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Baydn, Beethoven, Simpson. 10.38, Music Weekly.† 11.20, Bayrenth Ring: Seefred, Act 1.† Ring: Siegfried, Act 1.†
12.45 pm, Words. 12.50, Piago
recital: Meditner. † 1.30, Alistair
Cooke's Jazz 20s.† 2.00, Siegfried,
Act 2.† 3.15, Talking about Music.†
3.45, "Siegfried, Act 3.† 5.15,
Simone West: Louis Allen on her
life and writings. 5.35, Journal de
Mes Melodies.†
7.66, Anglo-American Relations
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7.06, Anglo-American Relations and the War against Japan. 7.20. New Hense Work, String Quartet No 4.† 3.00, How Meet Beauty, inquity into reputation of Gerard Manley Hopkins. 9.00, Schubert Symphony No 9.† 10.00, Play: The Force of Habit, by Thomas Bernhard.† 11.25-11.38, News.

7.10 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajniye.
7.40. Bells. 7.45. Reading: 7.58.
Sunday Papers. 7.55. Weather.
8.00. News. 8.10. Sundays. 8.45.
Appeal, Buntingford Venture. 8.58.
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9.00. News. 9.10. International
Assignment. 9.30. Service. 10.15.
Miscellany. 11.00. Local Time.
11.30. Meney Box. 12.00. Not Now.
I'm Listening. 12.40 pm. Letter.
from America. 12.55. Weather.
1.00. The News. 1.40. James Galway. 2.00. Gardeners' Question
Time. 2.30. Play: The Listic Sister.
4.00. News. 4.82. Talking. About
Anniques. 4.30. The Living World.
5.00. In Touch. 5.15. Down Your
Way. 5.35. Weather.
6.60. News. 6.15. The Archers.
7.15. If You Think You've Got
Problems. 8.00. Concert. Weber,
Beethoven. 9.00. News. 9.03. The
Pickwick Papers. 9.38. Weather.
10.00. News. 10.15. Origins. 11.06.
Epilogue. 11.15. News. 12.65-12.06
am, Insbore forecast.

Stage

If certain people say to you: We are the possessors of strange, maybe even magical powers; we are able to move. you from teers to joy and back again, to command your attention so that you become aware of nothing but what we are doing, so that you believe what we choose to show you, even if it might otherwise strike you. as improbable. . . " If certain people speak to you like that and you find yourself nodding in bemused and willing agreement, then the chances are you must be speaking to magicians of some sort.

Not necessarily: it is in fact enough to hear almost any radio programme in which actors discuss themselves and their profession. At least it is for me; I cm invariably quite brainwied by the stage's presenta-

That Most Despicable Race, in which Bryan Forbes gave out the history of the British acting tradition from Garrick to now. With one half of my mind, it was perfectly clear to me that
Mr. Forbes often sounded a
shade rhetorical and purpletoned. If there were a Thespians' equivalent to Land of
Hope and Glory, it could suitably have backed some of the more sustained periods of his narration. But no matter: as the great voices—Gielgud, Olivier, Richardson. Scofield, Button spoke of themselves and their contemporaries, the critical faculty simply folded up and I was ready to swear that these were indeed higher forms of men, in rouch with a reality not available to the rest of us, but able to transmit some part of their vision from their places in the light to us sitting huddled in our dark expensive stalls. Perhaps this gawping frame of mind was aggravated by the fact that, being without the performer's gift, its presence in other people impresses me no much. But it seems to mystify

tion of the stage's myth and was even the possessors of it, who so once again when listening to can never really satisfactorily explain what it is they do nor

how they bring it off.

The actor's very inexplicability may be part of his effect; but few people would deny that the effect takes place, no doubt the effect takes place, no doubt because experience of it is so common. Thearres, television sets, cinemas provide it nightly. The radio interviewer, Leslie Smith, would probably readily confess a susceptibility to stage magic, would feel no obligation on him to play the sceptic and coverion its existence although question its existence, although I doubt if he could account for it any more than I. The experiences—extra sensory—which he discussed with Peter Pairley in Five Sixths of the Way to the Moon also cannot be accounted Coincidental?

cincidental? Perhaps they are, but we are substituting one word for no one sagens to know. Of another and assuming we have course it is not logical to accept approached an understanding the existence of what you can

random? Without discernible pattern or sequence? Our criteria being such as to embrace all possible patterns and sequences...? Or do we mean, in the literal derivation of the word, a falling together of events? In that case, did they fall or were they pushed? As far as Mr Fairley's experiences are concerned, he says he knew (didn't have a bunch or a feet-(didn't have a bunch or a feeling; knew) what horses would win what races eight or 10 imes in a row, and this knowledge seems to have had all the prosaic indisputability that you or I experience when we declare that we know tomogrow's Sunday. It appears to me, then, that either Mr Fairley is a marvellously inventive man—not to vellously inventive man—not to say a liar in his teeth—or we simply have to take his word for what he says. I find the first unlikely and am left with the second: it happened. And even if he were an have made the Most also cainor be accounted veilously invenive man—nor to for and seem to be quite com—say a liar in his teeth—or we amon noo, but in this case simply have to take his word for what he says. I find the first included)—apparently feels obliged to cast doubt on second it happened. And even whether they actually take if he were to have made the place. Are they not imagined? other instances, far too many to be explained by universal men-dacity or whatever. How they now at the point—soon reached dicity or whatever. How they in this type of discussion—of all happened is another matter;

Coincidental ... Does that mean not explain... But where is the logic in: I cannot under-stand it, therefore it did not happen? One of the most enjoyable hours spent recently with Radio 3 was provided by Paul Ferris's English as Shq is Broadcast which was an account of the BBC's efforts to regularize its pronunciation. A most distinguished committee was empanelled: Shaw, Bridges, Kenneth Barnes were just three of those who contributed, but all the eminence only served to heighten the contrast with the heighten the contrast with the triviality of what the eminences produced. It withdraw 'sausage'" declared Rose Macaulay, "I see there is no historical ground for any pronunciation but 'sorsage'." Here and at many other places we were on the edge of a Goon-like radio comedy to which Mr Ferris's outh narration was a perfect complement: stylish trenchant and delivered with perfect complement: stylish, trenchant, and delivered with a certain arry intolerance. I hope the time he spends with The Obstruct teiling people what is wrong (or right) with their programmes, will not present him from providing vent him from providing further low-to-do-it demonstra-tions of his own.

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ceptor mundi was a very great teacher and could write on the game with considerable vigour and beauty. I therefore intend to write myself a book, not as

a reappraisal but as a sort of rehabilitation of Tarrasch.

In a little book, Fifty Great Games of Modern Chess, which

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The case of the late Fred Reinfeld is a remarkable one. For chess authors, with, at the high tide of his efforts, an annual production of at least half a dozen works, he was adept at rewriting other authors' books. My own library contains 62 books by him and I believe this to have been about one fifth of his output. To do him justice the quality of these books varies from good to indifferent and

I wrote while on active service early in the last war, I referred to him as "the great didactic genius who may be reckuned as the founder and leader of the scientific school of chess". The indifferent books are the rewrites: Botvinnik the Invinc-Scientific School of chess."
Thirty-seven years have passed since then but I see no reason to modify or change my opinion now. Here is the game to which the remark is a prelude. It was played in the great tournament at Göteborg in 1920 which was won by Richard Reti. ible, which was published in 1946 with a foreword in which the author, with a sudden excess of candour, explained that he did not really regard Botvin-nik as invincible, Tarrasch's Best Games of Chess, published in 1947, a sort of watered-down version of Tarrasch's Dreihun-White:—G. Breyer. Black:—Dr S. Tarrasch Queen's Pown dert Schachpartien, and Hyper-modern Chess, 1958, a reissue of Nimzovich the hypermodern, first published in 1948.

first published in 1948.

About this last book there appeared in the American Chess Review of the time, a review couched in the most glowing terms that occupied the whole of the last page. No full signature appeared but simply the initials FR, and your guess is as good as mine as to whether this meant that the review was by Fred Reinfeld. by Fred Reinfeld.

There was hardly any excuse for the book since it was merely a pale reflection of Nimzo-witsch's two great works, My System and Praxis Meines Sys-System and Praxis Memes System. The weakness of the work is highlighted by the vivid and colourful wit which Nimzowitsch displayed in his books. One shudders to think what Nimzowitsch binself would have said about Reinfeld's work had he lived another 13 were have said about Reinfeld's work bad he lived another 13 years. No doubt he would have presented the same penalty as that suggested by the Mikado in the Gibert and Sullivan opera for encompassing the death of the heir apparent. But I think he would on the whole have approved of Ray Keene's Aron Nimpositisch, A Reapproisal which was published by Bell's in 1974. This highly successful work owes its success largely, though by no means entirely, to the fact that the author allows Nimpowitsch to speak for himself and makes no attempt to self and makes no attempt to popularize the style in which

nzowitsch speaks. It is interesting to observe, owever, that Reinfeld chose to concentrate such powers as he possessed (and it must be admitted that in the earlier stage mitted that in the earlier stage of his writing career he was distinctly better than in the latter half of his life) on the two great entagonists, Tarrasch and Nimzowitsch. For some time it has seemed to me that Tarrasch and his teaching have been greatly independent or

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Forthcoming releases - Mozart's Idomeneo ar Seethoven's Third Plano Concerto with Mauri Tchailtovsky's Fourth Symphony.

Long-awaited 'Boris'

Max Harrison

It is hard to choose between the new Decca Janacek Káta Kahanova with Elisabeth Söderström and Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov (HMV SL\$1000, 4 LPs, £14.95), but the palm has to go to the latter because we have waited so long for a recording of the original version. One has some reservations about the performance, by mainly Polish forces, yet Martti Taivela makes an interesting Boris and it is marveilous to be rid of Rimsky-Koreekov's bowlderizations.

Again, it is difficult to pick from among several outstanding pianists, hard to leave out Milne's inspiring Harish account of the Liszt-Busoni Ad nos ad salutarem undam on L'Oiseau-Lyre. But the decision and Thomas Allen.

As it's Silver Jubilee year I'm

going to start with EMI's four-

and though the recordings are

reissues, some dating back to

the 1950s, the sound comes up

as fresh as the music itself. In

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going to start with EMI's lourdisc box of British plane concertos by Williamson, Tippett,
Rubbra, Rawsthorne (Nos 1
and 2), Bliss, Britten and Ireland. They're excellently
played by a variety of artists,
and though the recordings are

glubilee but also the 150th
anniversary of Beethoven's
death. Two sahues to him
the for my second place,
Brendel's super-charged perturmance of the Diabelli Variations, recorded during a recital
played by a variety of artists,
and though the recordings are

Ioan Chissell

complere recording of Liszt's Années de Pèlerinage (DG 2709 076, 3 LPs, £11.85), which fills a large gap in the catalogue with performances that vividly reflect the wide-ranging sights, sounds and emotions evoked by

Finally, and still in the nineteenth century, the new Colin L'Enfance du Christ (Philips 6700 106, 2 LPs, £7.98). Highly idiomatic throughout, of course, this is not in every respect a superior interpretation to his 'earlier (1961) version, but that was beginning to show its age as a recording, and on the new set we have a fine Mary and Joseph in Dame Janet Baker

of rescue, and a bargain at 17.25. (HMV SLS 5080.) Nineteen seventy seven

brought not only the Silver Jubilee but also the 150th

John Higgins

operatic releases of the last two months have been so impressive that there is a temptation to look no farther temptation to look no farther than last quarter of the year. Decca have produced Kata Kabanova and given Janacak a rich sound on disc that he hes never been accorded before: CBS's Lew Elisir was full of delights. DG produced a new Traviata which eclipsed all its rivals even in such a frequently personded work. I cherish these. recorded work. I cherish these, but even so, the first choice goes to DG's Simon Boccanagra (2709 071, £11.85). I have long felt that the very best opera-sets have their genesis on stage, and Boccanegra could, scarcely argue that particular case more strongly. The feeling of La Scala's superb production is there in practi-cally every bur, thealts to the presence of Candio Abbado, Piero Cappuccilli in the title role and Mirella Freni as Ame-lia.

BMI apperently handle their archive material more dexter-ously than any other company.

Richter's fine account of Dvorak's neglected plano concerts in its original version, my third choice has to be a two-disc album containing three of Shostakovich's pre-

viously unrecorded orchestrally

accompanied tong cycles, the English Lyrics, and the later Six Songs to Poems of Marina Tsvetaveva and the Suits in Verses by Michelangelo in excellent Russian 'performances, under Pudolf Rayshal and the

under Rodolf Barshal and the composer's son, Sombre listen-ing perhaps, but remarkably revealing (HMV Melodiya, SLS.

Or is it just that they have more of it? The Art of Jussi Björling does that great artist justice in taking his career from the very first songs recorded when he was still a teenager through no 1950 Three records and nearly five dozen tracks. Splendid value at £7.50. (RLS

All this richness at the end of the year should not obscure admirable issues early on. RCA, for instance, produced a definitive Andrea Chenier in late summer with Domingo and Milnes in top form and James Levine of the Met proving that he is one of the world's greatanyone needed reminding. Even so, I will award third choice to Colin Davis's Tosca for Philips (6700 108 £7.00). Before this he hadn't con-ducted Puccini sance leaving Rosebery Avenue. Perhaps absence makes the heart grow fresher. This is a sumptious performence, with Jose Car-retas in ardent voice as Cavaradossi. Davis has promised further excursions into the Italian repertoire. Eviva!

Paul Griffiths

It has been my good fortune

this year to encounter several

outstanding new recordings of

the standard orchestral reper-

tory, but none his returned to

my turotable and cassette deck so frequently as Karl Böhm's set of Bruckner's last two com-

pleted symphonies, the seventh and the eighth (DG 2709 668, £11.85). Blessed with superb playing from the Vicana Phil-

these

Superb Söderström

William Mann

1977 has been a vintage year for Elisabeth Söderström, There was Delius's Fennimore and Gerda, dominated by her purtrayed of the two title roles; then she and Vladimir Ashkenazy brought out a third disc of Rachmaninov's songs. She crowned those achievements with the namepart in Janáček's Vienua with a largely Czech cast, with Charles Mockerrus conducting a true and moving interpretation, superbly recorded by an English Decca team. It's a new landmark in the distinguished procession of Decca LP operus, and as such must be my first choice, (DS1D2 £8.50, K51K22 £8.50).

Philips's Orlando Paladino. conducted genially by Dorati, at

In the field of contemporary

music the record of the year for me is undoubtedly that of Stockhausen's Trans (DG 2530 726, £3.95). You hear a tight skein of orchestral string sound and behind it the strange

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motions of the wind and per-cussion, more or less regularly joited by the clatter of a wear-

ing shuttle flying across the stage. Like a dream, heavy

with meaning but mexplicable,

this is a work that will lodge

itself in the mind and not be

great composer of comic opera, with an expert cast and vivid production. (Philips 6707 029 £12.25)

For Christmas present pur poses I feel bound to select one single record: final choice must go to the recital of Verdi and Puccial operatic arias sung by Sylvia Sass, a soprano ninose appearances in Ocello and I Lombardi wherted the appetite for this British debut record is vocally and interpretatives, magnificent, including an unlikely but rivering steb of Turandot; the Verdi items include some near misses, though Lady Macbeth's sleepwalking scene stands out. The recital (particularly effective in in Derneit. (particularly effective in cassette form) suggests that Miss Sass may with her musical and dramatic gifts, help to constle us for the loss of Meria Callas (SXL 6841 £3.99, KSXC 6841 £3.99).

time with the grandeurs of Bruckner and Stockhausen, sail for more exquisite pleasure let

me recommend the Consort of

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Musicke's recording of Dow-land's Second Book of Songs (Oiseau-Lyre, DSLO 528-9, 174, inga no sa catting 191 an instalment of their complete recorded edition. This sit contains 22 subtly painted miniatures performed by differ. School of . In this respects ent combinations of voices, lute 30 Garage and The Greek and viols. It is enough to pera la la humane de pare suade one that Dowland's art is as varied, as full of artifice and as potent as, say, that of h Changer. is stem. I that blood it is set the M days to the in a set his near contemporary John thing) to a begin

and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Verdi Requiem

Leontyne Price, Janet Baker, Veriano Luchetti, José van Dam

and the Chicago Symphony Chorus detail with intelligent "It is difficult to recall a more. understanding... distinguished partnership... Miss Price's beauty of tone and Janet Bakerhas clearly given renewed thought to the meaning, the mastery with which she of the words...she invests every controls it, are a prime feature...



Stanley Sadie

It has not been a prolific year for Mozart operas, but what there has been is distinguished. There is the strong new Tito under Colin Davis, from Covent Garden and Philips: but I would give precedence over that to the Barenboim Figuro (EMI SLS 995 £12.45). Much, and understandably, criticized for its. shortcomings in theatrical feeding, this performance is nevertheless one to treasure for its abundance of purely musical insights, which can be amply

Dieskan as Count and Countess, Blegen and Evans as Susanna and Pigaro, all add strength to what is certainly the most "symphonic" Figure

erlands Wind Ensemble's lithe and spirited assemblage of

Loath as I am to pass over

works for wind ensemble complete (Philips 9500 087 £3.99).

Among the more bistori-Among the more instan-cal records that make up much of my reviewing in these columns. I have enjoyed several of the stylish re-crea-tions on the Florilegium label from L'Oisequ-Lyre. One that seemed specially well done was the recent Geminismi record from the Academy of Ancient Music, but more important, for the music is of far greater stature, is the second release stature, is the second in the Dowland series (DSLO 5289 £7), where Anthony Rooley's Consort of Musicke prove

themselves surely the most professional and most sensitive of our early music groups in their deeply felt readings of the Second Rook of Source: there could be no happier way semper dolens, perhaps, but of making the tears flow over the festive season.

Finally a curiosity: Ber wald's orchestral music, vir tually complete (EMI SLS 5096 Ult Björlin. This is music full of ideas, often Mendelssohnian, Schumannesque occasionally endearingly as titles to two of the symphonies, singular and capricious, aptly summarize a composer fuller of surprises than any Christmas stocking.

Richard Williams

In a year which has witnessed the overdue demolition of rock's tiresome self-improvers (those purveyors of O-level cosmology and inflated "classical" borrowings), it is tempting to award the spoils to the shock troops. Indeed, beneath the blood and the bluster, the Sex Pistols bave emerged as a band of compelling power, perhaps the equals of the early Rolling Stones.

savoured at these spacious

For recordings of lasting value and musical significance, however, we must look to the whence arrived debut albums from a pair of genuine

Moon (Elektra K52046, £3.49) supplied a perfect matrix for haunting vision of Tom Verlaine Laced with startlingly vivid images, his songs are held in subtle balance by baroque arrangements of great tension. On Television's beeks came Talking Heads: the nagging intensity of David Byrne's voice on the 77 (Sire 6036, £3.50) is the vehicle for clever anthems of neurosis performed against a deceptively deadpan neo-funk backdrop. Neither band sacrifices content for style: both are strung as taut as a bow.

In jazz, a five-volume set titled Wildflowers (Douglas NBLP 7045-9 about £4-50 each) illuminates the activities of Gotham's younger musicians, with a pleasant variety of "Over the Rainbow" rubs

up against post-Webern adven tures; a jazz version of "systems" minimedism sits happily next to a good old blues. With 60 musicians represented there are prolixities, but the overall intensity is remarkable, and optimism for the music's future must be the

To highlight these is

ignore achievements in other related fields: the continuing related fields: the continuing maturity of Steely Dan's Aja (ABC 5225), the glacial disco landscapes of Kraftwerk's Trans-Europe Express (Capitol E-ST 11603), Cecil Taylor's monomaticathy fleety Dark to Themselves (Enja 2084), Booker T and the MGs' succulent Universal Language (Asylum K53057), and the late John Cohumne's magnificent Atro-Rhue Impressions (Pable John Columne's magnificent Afro-Blue Impressions (Pable 2620 101).



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view that the works of Sophordes and Herodotus, excellent eggs though they undoubtedly.

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Nor, to be frank, have I ever

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and the Captain's Gala Fancy

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The next morning appeared to confirm our worst fears. We

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world changed decisively for

wife holding similar

John Woodvine making contact

When Trevor Num's produc-tion in of. The Alghemist transfers to the Aldwych on Other Place, the title role will again be played by John Wood-vine at the head of an RSC company which also includes Ian McKellen and Susan Dury. For Woodvine, there have now been two busy years with the RSC: he's also to be found as Banquo in the still-sold-out Warehouse Macheth and as Dr Pinch in the musical Comedu of Errors and he is already into rehearsal for the Judi Dench-Beryl Reid Way of the World which opens at the Aldwych in January before the company moves back to his Newcastle birthplace for another six-week season at the

end of the winger. end of the winter.

Though now a familiar telefice from loag stints as Detecpive-Inspector Witty in Z-Cars
and Inspector Kingdom in New
Scotland Yard, Woodvine in
fact started out as a classical
actor with the Michael Benthall Old Vic. The son of a
scapping stoker, he was born seagoing stoker, he was born 48 years ago on Tyneside: 48 years ago on Typeside:
God know: why I decided
to be an actor: there was none
of it in the family and my two
brothers certainly baven't
chosen it for a living, but in
the Depression my father
moved south and I went to
Lord William's Grammar
School in Theme and there it
all seemed to start. Then I did

all seemed to start. Then I did my National Service and efter-tist, because I thought I'd never make a living as an actor; I did what the family scider, I can what the tamily said and took a secure job as a clerk in the offices of a wool merchant. Only after three years the merchant went bank-rupt and all the security I'd been promised was a myth, so I decided the theatre couldn't be any worse then that and here I wouldn't

Woodvice went first to RADA in 1952: "A bad year that; Sir Kenneth Barnes was still ostensibly the principal but effectively he'd beer dead for years, and by the time they brought the new regime in a year or two later I was already out and doing the classics in Rep. I was trained by the old guard, which is why I missed out on the Firmey-O'Toole revolution. While they were changing the face of modern acting I was menight stands round army camps, and very lost we got no, doing delicate stuff like that for the Pioneer Corps."

wine got luckier:

"Benthall took me into the community of actors who stay together because there's toman quits good work including the Lord Chief Justice in London after the show it's the large through it was a vary secure two-year job for my like the state of the letter as elevan-thirty tube home. But while I was est Stratford I had they should be handing out the watching other people play the london and do a commercial that. The essence of acting is before getting back on the doing k, whether for a camera train for a markete, and I would change the bills to be paid. If anything, I think television is still undermoved change when the paying: when you consider the exposure, the danger to an exposure, the danger to a series goes wrong, while I was est Stratford I had they should be handing out danger money as well."

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Not that he has often been off it: "In 23 years of acting the longest spell I've ever had out of york was 10 weeks, but tempernentally I still think I'm no qualified to be an actor. Im always sure that this

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight Lyttelton ----

Irving Wardle

The National Theatre's first howegrown children's show is "annegrown children's grow is an Arthurian adventure played without swords, armour, or pantonine horses. In that respect, the adapters of the best-loved of all Middle-English poems know exactly what they are doing. Sir Ganain and the Green high; is as humane as anything in Chancer. thing in Chaucer.

There are no ritual blood-let-mas of the Malory variety; in fict, nobody is killed, and the vhole plot of the are test at amalet and Gawain's pilerimgr to the Green Chapel to yield his neck to the Green Knight's eurn blow is a Christmas game juclouded by the darker earthurian elements.

Unlike the run of chivalrous pmances, Gapain also has an ategrated plot, resolving the cenes of courtly love temptation in the final tryst at the reen Chapel. The poem must lave struck countless readers s natural dramatic material, nd it is good to have this ssumption so thoroughly broved in Michael Bogdanor's

Ranbow Bandit adler's Wells

Oba Percival

iter a period working in New ork Richard Alston returned London Contemporary Dance heatre, where he began his reer, to create the new work emiered at Schler's Wells last int Rainbow Bandit is a cometely new version of a work irst produced about four ars ago for his own group rider. The ritle comes from te phrase which repeated in-stently in fast rhythms and a treo recording, makes up harles Amarkhanian's surprisigly gripping taped accompani-

If it sounds like a nonsense trase, I should explain that it 2 warning to the pilot of an reraft codenamed Rainbow at an enemy is about to tack. My impression, necessity tentative after so long, is at the idea found a fairly trect metaphorical response in te earlier version with choreo-aphy that had the dancers hizzing about in dog fight pat-ra. This time (and the difrence may arise partly from with Judi Dench as Millamant. The production and large Michael Pennington will play by John Barton.



Mistakes? "One or two: I

turned down the chance to be in the first season at Chiches-ter, not knowing that the con-

pany was to form the basis of Olivier's National Theore, Also I think I spent too long being RADA, classical in instead of

"RADA, classical, instead of using my own agent and my own agent and my own agent and my own personality, but in those days it didn't seem so fashionable to be a Geordie. But I'm not good at douking back over my career: I still think of myself as "promising" and there's still a lot I want to do.
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"I'd also like so do another
one-man show: I did Alex
Glasgow's about Joe Wilson
[the Typeside musi-chalt star]
at Greenwich and also of,
course in Newcastle itself
where I seem to have spent

more time acting over the past

Actor's Company, but that was entirely paid for by the New Scotland Yard money and lately I've not had a I'v series. I've newer in fact made a lot of money, and I don't think I'm the kind of actor who ever will the part of the series of the

will: but there are still the bills to be paid. If anything, I think television is still under-

on stage that you got the situa-tion of a house with a limited

number of rooms and a huge

number of doors through which the plot juggled the wrong people. It's a difficult longon term

the Vic last time round. We've

Sheridan Morley

companies seem on he as susceptible to television fame as the commercial managements, and ell through Z-Cars I stayed in stage work so that I never got myself typecast as a telecop and nothing more.

cop and nothing more.

"If, like me, you're inhibited, then acting is a way of making contact, of expressing yourself while still keeping people at a distance. For years I went around being immensely tense and taut, and then doing Close the Codhouse Door in 1968 I was able for the first time to use by own Geordie accent on stage, and Geordie accent on stage, and that unlocked something inside me. Since then I think I've been more relaxed, though I'm still not immediately recognizable as any particular "type" of actor, which means I'm never at the top of any casting director's list."

Throughout this year and 10 years than ever spent as a child. In Comedy of Brows I yelly and gainfully employed by the RSC in Stratford and Longuet to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the RSC in Stratford and Longuet the chance to sing on the chance to sing on

daughters at home in Shepherds Bush, and being at Stratford means keeping two homes going and an awful lot of tra-veiling for them or for me. Professionally the life at Strat-ford is better; you're in a don't understand how actors with families manage to live

actually buy houses in War-wickshire and then never go anywhere else. Joseph text, very complicated, which is why it is usually cut heavily and done as a joke show the way Guthrie did it at Nor am I scornful of telework: I've just done an episode of Return of the Saint and it, was marvellous doing turn left. at the next crossroads if you value your life' and then soing straight into Macbeth the same night I actually

tried to stay furmy but also stay true to the text"

castle and as the forest of Wirtal. The wood takes the light beautifully in snowstorms, and in the thunderslap entries of the Green Knight; and in the hands of the company, it is used with marvellous invention production, especially as it aves the poem intact. Based on Brian Stone's Penguin translation, Peter Steven's text contains little dialogue. Most of the words are spoken by Warren Clarke's clown/ Merlin storyteller, whose alli-terative narrative is acted out tion, turning into freezing cascades ogres clubs and other obstacles in the hero's path. It by an acrobatic company. By also lends maximum emphasis to the climaxes of the exe test. such treasures as the description of Gawain's journey from In the second half of the Camelot to the Wirral, and the account of the changing seasons. story, the adaptation improves on the original by playing the For spectators too young to respond to the verse, there are enough signposts to clarify the three temptation scenes in parallel with Bertilak's three days' hunting, with Frederick Warder's Gawain lying in bed encircled by fleeing deer and visual action.

The show opens with displays of dance and tumbling, defined as the "jousting and jollity" of Arthur's court. With that established lished, it proceeds to take full advantage of conventionalized staging, translating Gawain's quest into a series of circus turns. He scales mountains of netting, fights a dragon com-posed of a queue of actors who expand and contract like a concertina, and arrives at his perilous destination along the

Visually the whole show built around the single motif of the wooden staff, which replaces the sword in combut end dance, and dominates Paul Bannister's set as the impenetrable palli-

theatre) the patterns for a larger cast look more formal and abstract.

Nevertheless, the movement in the last third of the work, which is the part with the tape, remains zippily energetic. The LCDT dancers do not achieve the explosive quality which, say, Paul Taylor's or Louis Faico's companies bring to similar confull stretch, several of them surpass themselves and bring a rewarding exhilaration to the

If that is performed presto, the two earlier sections, performed in silence, are respectively allegro and andante. The first, led by Siobhan Davies and . Tom Jobe, uses also a trio of men and a female quartet. Anca . Frankenbauser starts the slow much of the spirit of her role movement with a solo full of, as a Tennessee Williams type long stretching movement grad spinster trying vainly to break ually taken up by the others out of repression.

Judi Denchas Millamant The RSC are to stage a new production of Congreve's The Way of the World at the

Aldwych Theatre on January

27 (previews from January 24),

entering in canon. The theme of outstretched arms recurs through the work, but the main distinguishing factor is the sustained continuity of the move That is the more welcome

after the stop-and-start manner of the choreography in some of the other ballets. That is true for instance of Cantabile, which am efraid loses a lot with a less soignée substitute in the role Noemi Lapzeson made for herself.

of John Labanowski's Green Knight

Even so, I think the manage

carifying moments, such as the

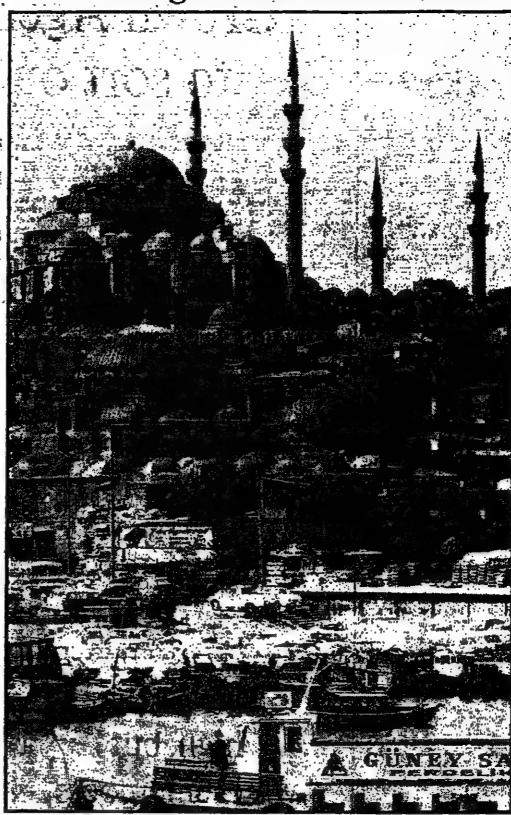
mend the show to anyone over the age of eight; drams aside, it

is worth a visit if only for the sake of the sword and Morris

In the revised version of Robert Cohan's People Alone, began the programme, Harding-Irmes, per-Patrick forms the opening solo sharp rhythmic coursel and Anca Frankenhauser carches much of the spirit of her role

Mirabell and Beryl Reid, 2 new comer to the company, Lady Wishfort. Other casing so far includes Marjorie Bland (Marwood). Carmen du Santoy (Mrs Fainall), Nickolas Grace (Wit-wood), Eliza Ward (Foible), and John Woodvine (Fainall). The production will be directed. Travel

Swanning around the Adriatic



The Sulimanye Mosque in "shabby" Istanbul

hospitality to two complete

chemist?

Well it was the first real suddenly all of us seemed to the villagers in the interior spent much of their time avoiding snakes. Crete, 100, That evening we spent in Dubrovnik. The old city is an was a disappointment, or at least the small area that we had time to see. Knossos was mmitigated delight. The buildings are impeccably preserved, the streets spotless, the reshopelessly overcrowded, and Sir Arthur Evans's attempts to taurants cosy and inviting, and he people as smiling and recreate the splendour of his momentous discoveries are not friendly as you will find anyto everyone's taste. Rhodes was both beautiful and awful, enswhere. Meandering through the narrow, hilly streets, we nared by the package tourist trade, its streets festioned vere pressed by a local resident to come into his girden. with overpriced souvenirs and greate the inescapable Theodorakis level. or a chat and to inspect the.

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Englishman extending similar other shop doorway.

hospitality to two complete In between these were two strangers.

mountain climbs. The first was Corfu, by contrast, was no at Delphi, a pilgrimage which I other worldiness that is more than all right and, on the had made once before and creece. Sky and sea merged in evidence of an overland drive which was as awe-inspiring as an unbroken expanse of blue. to a distant beach, overrated, ever. The second was the Our fellow passengers, whom local guide implied that ascent of the volcanic cruter of Santorini where others more wisely perhaps, elected to tra-vel by mule. Walking was vel by mule. Walking was made bezardous by a slippery, sticking carpet of manure which covered the steps, and by the descending droves of stupid animals which did their best to push me over the edge. There was nothing to see at the top; drenched in sweat, we headed for the nearest crate of lager. The island's savage and

is certainly not meant to. By this time the voyage had become steeped in that magic we had viewed so warily to a with turned out to be with few exceptions, delightful.
Their only peculiarity was
their insistence on queueing long before we disembarked anywhere in order to catch one. of the first buses, which seemed to offer no significant, eir advantages. Lectures were not compulsory and could be piped to one's pobli; in fact most of them were entertaining and well worth while.

outweighed the mediocre; Kos,

time, the walk up Parmos to the monastery of St John; the overpowering splendour of Ephesus; Troy, with its comic reproduction wooden horse standing sentines over the windy plain; the grimy mos-ques and smelly streets of Istanbul, surely the shabbiest and most down-at-heel of the world's great historic cities, but where the incredible Topkapi museum, the treasure house of the Sukrans, makes up for almost anything.

Athens was almost too hot to be enjoyed or appreciated, and it is worth here mentioning that those allergic to high tem-peratures should not choose, as we did, to travel in June. At sea it is cooler, and most of the ship is air-conditioned, but inspecting unshaded archaeolo-gical sites in the heat of the midday sun can be something of an ordeal; it was surprising that the older passengers

But them, of course, many of them have been doing the same thing for years. For the "regulars" Swan's Hellenic cruises are achieving and inimitable; several recalled the former ship, where they slopt in bunks on a sort of troopdeck, and from which they marched ashore in the wake of the formidale. Six Moragan. the formidable Sir Moramer Wheeler.

The Orpheus has small but comfortable cabins. The food, with a choice most days of buffet or table dhore is pleutiful and good. The service from the English stewardesses and almost all the Greek craw and almost as the Greek crow (I will except one barman) is excellent. The organization is quite astonishingly efficient; at Dubrovnik we were ordered at the last minute to switch berths, but, when we disembarked, there were the coaches lived we and artificate.

lined up and waiting.

Two memories predominate. The first is of passing through the Dardanelles on a sundrenched afternoon, with the lecturer pointing out the sites of the Gallipohi landings and drawing parallels with the Trojan wars. Those fearful words of Eugene O'Neill sprang to mind: "There is no present or future—only the past, happening over and over again."

The second is of the penultimate afternoon of the voyage, which we spent on Delos, the desert island birthplace of Apolio, and where the treasures of the Dekan League were kept until the Athenians decided that it would be in everyone's best interests if they were moved to the factorial.

I wandered alone to the far end of the site, where the remains of a group of Roman villas overiook a rocky fore-shore. A young American girl in a loose dress walked past, smiled and wayed, and wan-dered on down to the edge of the sea. There was no one else the blowing wind, and in the will swear to this day I heard ancestral roices

Prices for this spring and summer range from £470 to £935 a person, depending on accommodation; they include our fares, local transport, advantages. Lectures were not entrance fees to sites and comprisory and could be museums, and guide services. Further details from Swan Hellent, most of them were entertaining and well worth while.

Anyway, the good places far phono 01-636 8078.

John Young

sinister contours make their

greatest visual impact at sea

System and the part-score

was recently assured that "old-fashioned Acol", the bidding system which was most popular before it had been adapted to duplicate, was back in fashion. The feature which made it superior to any other system sprang from its elemen-tary principles which taught a-beginner that he must use his brains as well as his memory. Every recent book has provided guide-lines for hand valuation; but since they were designed. sake of younger spectators, the courtly love element is under-played, and likewise the menace for situations when there is no part-score, no beginner could partscore, no occurrent them the possibly acquire from them the judgment which dicasted when he underbid his values or take a chance which would escape ment is being over-hopeful in offering the production to six-year-olds. It does contain some

doubled penalty.
My ergument will carry more My ergument will carry more conviction if you inagine that you have game and 40 and your partner North has opened as dealer with One Spade East passes and you hold \$\left(Q \) 23; \$\left(Q \) 1072; \$\left(Q \) 1076; \$\left(\left(\left(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(A \) \reft(A \) \reft(\left(A \) \reft(A \) \r first scene decapitation; and the practical side of the plot is insufficiently explained. With that reservation, I would recomdeeded for a positive response. You will not find the answer by counting points any more than by assessing the mental outlook of West. The feature of the deal is readily under-stood; unless North has an unusually strong opening, you are sure to lose points some What is the wisest mouse? My view is ther your safest bid is One No trump. It is true that you may raised to game, possibly doubled, or merely lose 200 points endoubled. But you have made the best possible bid to keep the opponents quiet; and if North gives you a second bite at the cherry by bidding Two Clubs or Two Diamonds you can afford to pass (which is not permissible at dupli cate); and even if your tactic possible to retain the initiative It is not a serious offence in the course of a rubber to bid without the proper qualifica-

your favour the first rule to

bear in mind is that opponent double for a take-out when

ever they can afford the risk.

could have bid more forcefully if he was determined to be in -So far you have been under pressure, but on other occasions you underbid in order to obtain the maximum information. North has opened One Spade at game and 30, East-West 60. You, as South hold . WKQ85, OQ 106, AA9742 and are in a position to guarantee the rubber unless you misdirect your partner and become entangled in a freak distribution. Any positive noswer will pave the way to a slam, but on account of the close acores South must begin by underbidding; he makes the lowest possible response which will keep the auction alive, and leaves his partner to guide the way to the final contract. North tions when you are not raising but have they a slam? The bidding so far is. ic would be craminal to raise a partner when you offer no

support. At a part score in

South has so many positive replies that he must use the bid which will make certain that any high contract is sound. least satisfactory is Two No

Trumps which North is likely to pase unless he has a freak
shape or rebids his long suit.
Replies on a four-card suit are
unsound bases for approach bidding and Two Clubs is not much
better if a slam is in contemplation because the suit is
a AK10883
as then Since South can choose
any hid except pass the long any bid except pass, the response which is outstanding is at gross underbid of One No Trump which leaves partner in and will not necessarily deter opponents from bidding.
The hand with its void in spaties is best employed if South obtains the chance of a penalty from rash opponents who uv to save the rubber.

Finelly, you have reached a winning position, in which opponents are pushing on distributional strength; but your parmer has nothing to wise, despite North's strong provide except a few trumps.

If you are carried away by
your three aces and 17 points. into bidding twice with intent to pecalize opponents, you will find that the boot is on the

other foot unless you can secure control by means of a

North South game and 40: dummy and the discard of his diamond loser. West could East West Came; dealer East: now take only his VQ.

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48 and 41; he then switched to his \$6 which you won. You had little hope of finding the \$4K with East or the trumps breaking 3—2; but you had one faint chance of stealing a trick. Insperd of a scientific artack, you bluffed West into immediately leading the \$7 to the \$10. When dumny won half your troubles were over because you could count most of West's cards. You played the A followed by a spade to dummy's Q and left West cuming device or through a powerless. He played a club mistake on the part of the which gaves South a ruff in

Which partner was respons ible for this appalling defence? East, because he omitted to follow to the \$K with the \$Q. West would aben have switched to his singleton and whenever to his singleton and whenever he was on lead, he would underlead his AA and obtain the ruff on which he was principally relying for the pensity trick As I have always claimed, you win by your opponents' mistakes.

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Where does Britain stand in the fight for human rights?

The legendary editor of a North American newspaper used con-stantly to remind his sub-editors to "Kansas City milk-manize" their stories as they prepared them for the newsprepared them for the newspaper. What he wanted to conrey in his ownered, but succiset, English was that every story should be understandable to all the newspaper's readers. He meant no reflection on the milk-men of Kansas City or anywhere

Today, the human rights issue has both benefited and suffered from similar treatment; most people have heard of the issue but few understand its subtle-

Human Rights Day today will be marked with the presenta-tion to Amnesty International's chairman, Mr Thomas Hammar-berg, of the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of the organiza-tion's contributions to the lessening of world tensions.

For the first time there is official world recognition that human rights and world peace

Just two days after the presentation of the peace prize, The Times is due to publish the latest in its series of articles on prisoners of conscience which is now approaching the century mark.

Century mark.

Only a few years ago all this would have been unthinkable. And though concern for human rights is not new—" when President Carter was still picking peanurs we were locked in the struggle for human rights", as one former Latin American leader puts it—it is now, for better or worse, a considerable factor in international power politics.

The former politicism shows or rancour when he speaks of President Carter, and even he would not deny that the new American stress on human rights issues is a step forward. But he like meny human rights campaigners, is apprehensive about the final outcome.

The decision to cancel

a grant

In Britisin, the debate has been brought into sharp focus by the controversial decision to cancel a £19m grant to the Bolivian mining industry. Human rights activists and the National Union of Mineworkers (The Times, Nov 22) felt that granting the money would be interpreted as a "reward" to the La Paz government for its efforts to destroy the miners' trade union organization.

tunity to benefit not only the mine workers, by making better equipment synilable to them, but also British industry by giving it some badly-needed foreign orders.

Just as the United States is sperosching the moment of truth in its human rights policy with Letin America in which hard choices have to be made, so Britain will soon have to decide have for decide how for the house rights policy should go. And the decision which will give at least a clue in that direction could be over the present plans to sell £850,000 worth of second-hand military equipment to El Salva-dor, a country which has an appailing record of abuse of

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Catholic Church, as a communist trojan horse, which is hysterical even by Latin American standards.

The Times prisoner of con-

science column has sought to approach the issue from the humanitarian angle and to communicate to the reader the extent to which the citizens of other countries suffer curtailment of their most elementary rights. As Amnesty Inter-nationl's latest report shows human rights are violated in the majority of the countries of the world, and two-thirds of the countries in which abuses are reported in the organization's annual compendium are mem bers of the United Nations.

The speed at which the world hears

Since the column was started in March, 1976; the plight of prisoners in countries as diverse as China and Argentina diverse as Chioa and Argentina have been chronicled and the writer has tried to show that human rights are indivisible; that it is just as important to investigate and report on the improvement of a Bolivian peasant seeking land reform as it is to write about a highly-educated and sophisticated Soviet Jew.

Efforts have been made not just to write about abuses in those countries in which information is easily available. It is estimated that the arrest of a Soviet dissident is now communicated to London within a space of three hours or so. In contrast, information on politi-cal prisoners in Cambodia, perhaps the worst offender of human rights in the world, is practically unobtainable.

Candidates for the presoners of conscience column from the United States, Britain and France have been investigated, but in all cases were released before the time came for pub-

During the series so far, it is known that 11 prisoners have been released following an article in the newspaper. It is debatable, of course, how much influence an individual article has on any particular release, but in the case of three pris-oners it is known to liave been direct. In other cases publication has been withheld when it became known that an article would be counter-productive.

Officially the reaction of govexception, has been to ignore it. On the ground, the story has been different and photo-copies of articles have been widely circulated in at least one country. Reader reaction

But it must be remembered that the world's largest democthat the world's largest temo-racy, India, from the start of the state of emergency, went within months from a fully-fledged Western democracy to something approaching a police state with at least 40,000 politi-

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Crown Agents: the man to sort out the mess

which the scandal of the Crown Agents has given rise, one person has been largely, if not entirely, overlooked. Mr John Cuckney is hardly mentioned, and remains unknown to the wider public. Yet his insight and knowledge will be of the first importance to the forthcoming inquiry, as they were to the Pay Committee's investi-

Not that Mr Cuckney was present at No 4 Millbank when the Agents were engaged in their deplorable transactions. He was, in effect, "drafted" there as chairman in 1974 to sort out the mess—an unpleasant and ardnous com-

John Cuckney, now in his early fifties, is a former and very accomplished banker (he in recent years has distin-guished himself in the public service, not always in appointments that could be called conments that could be called con-genial. Seven years ago he was dispatched to Liverpool to rescue the facing Mersey Docks and Harbour Board-agein, a delicate and trying assignment. More agreeably, he subsequently directed the Property Services Agency at the Department of the Envison-ment

He might be described as the embodiment of intellect and candour allied to much personal charm. In addition to his sonal charm. In addition to his responsibility for the Crown Agents, he has lately become chairman of the Port of London Authority. You will be hearing more of Mr Cuckney.

Meanwhile he welcomes the thoroughgoing public inquiry to which Mr Callaghan has exceed under pressure from the House of Commons. From his

own study of the Agents' record he should be able to illuminate some of the darker aspects. He will certainly be an elegant wimess—elegant in appearance, elegant in expres-sion, and uncommonly incid

Into the bargain.

While it seems right to set up a Tribunal, the proceedings will no doubt be distasteful, such were the Agents' excesses, such were the Agents' excesses, especially between 1970 and 1974. Vast emberrassment Hes shead, not only for officialdom as represented both in Whitehall and in the Benk of England, but for several former ministers who failed to exercise their authority when warned of the dangers. One of them, Mr Richard Wood, acknowledged a dagree of responnowledged a degree of responsibility in Monday's debate-and he did so generously, even handsomely. Mr Wood was not

be a beneficial one in terms of future safeguarda. Life is full of surprises, as they say. In a note a few weeks, ago, I was regretting—and with good reason—the designations applied to Princess Anne, Mrs. Mark Phillips, and Princess Alexandra, the Bun Mrs. Angus Ogilvy. I expected, and have received, some response. But I received the other than the received and the property the see the day. received, some response. But I never thought to see the day when the editor of Debrett's would be found defending this deplorable usage, as he did in

This cannot be an "easy" or painless inquiry; but it may

esting member of the Tribuns group of Labour MPs. Mr John Lee was formerly in the Colonial Service and is a bar-



on The Times about the lack of son. He had this to say to me:

Akhough a Tribunite,
particularly in economic and
social matters, I am certainly
not insensitive to the fact that
the Monarchy in its present many Labour voters; and strongly to the hole-in-the-corner way in which the character of the Monarchy is being changed without public

suspect that the same.

anitude is responsible for the decision not to confer a Duke-dom or an Earldom as is responsible for the incorrect designation of Princess Anne (and of Princess Alexandra), namely a misguided, spurious egalitarian notion in the Sovereign's advisers; whereas real egalitarianism is concerned with massive shifts in wealth from rich to poor for which, amongst other things, I for one

amingst other mangs, 1 for one am in politics.

"I also suspect for the same reason, that the decision is intended to indicate (tatitly so as to minimise the possibility of public comment and crincism) that no more Royal Partitions are come to be Peerages are ever going to be created; for example when Prince Andrew and Prince Edward come of age; or in the event of Prince Michael of

"I do not retract my own crisicism of the Monarchy, which I have expressed on the Boor of the House: its reticence over its weakin; and the soparent failure of the Monarch, when faced with the major constitutional change embadied in Heath's Common 1971 Market application in 1971, to act—as her grandfather bad act—as her grandfather bad done in a comparable situation in 1910—by obliging the Government to call an election on the issue. The shabby treatment of the bereaved Duchess of Windsor on her visit here in 1972 is another. Moreover I have said there is a case for a Republic. Nevertheless whilst we have 2 Monarchy for good-ness sake let us have it in grand style."

Many who are otherwise for removed from Mr Lee will readily endorse his final senti-

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But first get your large size stamps

The 10p Loaf Is Here" said he International Stores advertisement in letters more than an inch high. Lower down it showed the ip tin of baked showed the 1p in of baked beans and the 12p half-pound of butter. The key to it all lay much lower still, in letters barely an eighth of an inch high which said: "From now on housewives will be able to pay amazing prices like these by using their Green Shield stamps as cash at International."

It is no use expecting to buy the 10p loaf with a mere 10p coin. You also need a special folder with 32 of the large Green shield stamps, each of which is equivalent to 10 of the when is equivalent to 10 of the small ones. To get those 32 stamps at International you will have to spend £4, as long as you buy them on the one day of the week that is designated a double stamp day. Otherwise you will have to spend £8.

The offers look haphazard:
14:p for a kilogram of granulated sugar and 12:p for a
quarter-pound of PG Tips tea.
They have two common
themes, however. First, they
are all basic, mass-market products. Secondly, and this was
not stated in the advertisement, the reduction is the ment, the reduction is the same in each case. The ip tin of beans would cost 13 p with-out the stamps and the 14 p kilogram of sugar 27 p.

The booklet of Green Shield stamps is worth 13p when used on one of the small number of offers chosen by International Stores and other supermarket companies in the scheme. Super Discount is Green Shield's answer to its rejection by Tesco, formerly its main rocery outlet

It seems an extremely long-

There's three eggs, drear not quite ready yet. Only one really ripe and green

Stores, which has made a virtue of simplicity and cheapness by selling food under labels with a brief, stark rubric in one colour and typeface with out the customary pictures and

design wizardry.

Mr Michael Groves, joint managing director of International and a former Tesco man, defended the Green Shield discount scheme. He is keeping it quite apart from the items with simple labelling and confining it to goods with wellknown national brand names, "What we are in fact starting to develop is a platform of choice " he said.

What International, numeri. cally one of the largest supermarket groups in Britain, is also trying to do is to fight its competitors for a large share of the stagnant grocery mar-ket. Food retailing is now one of the most competitive sections of British commerce and further amalgamptions are me. vitable.

svailable in 600 International supermarkers will also apply to out of 90 in the F.J. Wallis group, International acquired the group just as it was itself absorbed by the British-Ameri-can Tobacco group.

International stopped selling the ip tin of beans. Anyone who wants that will have to go to Budgen, the second largest group in the discount scheme. It is also operating in several regional groups and may reach 1,000 shops early next year.

early next year.

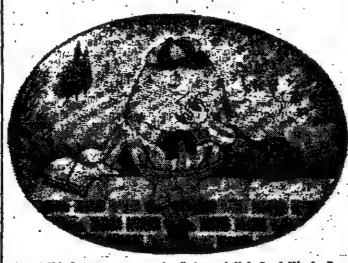
Its advantage for Green
Shield is that it preserves a

presence in the retail marker even at the expense of circumventing its traditional redemption for gits which will continue alongside

the discount scheme. The supermarkets are using it for the simple bruist reason that every customer attracted by the 10p loaf or the 1p beans is one customer less in a rival shop. And as Mr Groves pointed out it takes no great effort to spend £8 fcr stantps before Christmas. "If you buy a bontle of gin and a bottle of

Hugh Clayton

Biggles is flying high, but who remembers Mrs Munch?



Mary Whitehouse contrasts the "sheer delight" of Nicola Bay ley's Nursery Rhymes with the "depressing, damp and rather nasty" pictures in Raymond Briggs's Fungus the Bogeyman.

purveyors of culture the BBC's Book Programme sees Christmas as a time of the year whea it may stoop to notice children's books. Ever questing for new books. Ever questing for new ways to present the confounded things, the producer has this year hit on the natty idea of asking a hundred distinguished

people to say what is, or was, their favourite and their least, favourite children's book.

Tomorrow on BBC 2 at 4.20 pm a selection of the 45 answers received will be discussed. But by no means all the replies will be dealt with and the producer of the Book Programme haswith permission of the correspondents—allowed us to peruse the correspondence and draw some conclusions.

The letter of invitation did not confine correspondents specifically to childhood recol-lections and the body of replies therefore included comments on fairly recent books as well as on vanished delights like A Tall Ship by "Bartaneus"—which Simon Rayen recalled as having "Strong parragive and a lovely clean-limbed midshipman with whom one could identify oneself." It was a pleasure oneser. It was a pressure therefore to discover that John Cleese read Armid Lobel's "Frog and Toad" stories to his daughter, even when she was fast asleep; and that K. M. Peyton (who as a child had Joange Cannan's A Pong for the public library) was willing to supply a detailed paragraph

subtle"; children in Antossa Forest's saga of the Marlow family: "uneven" books, "old-fashioned in some ways" but capable of arousing affection. Among childhood favourites.

Among chikihood favourites, though, there was a very marked preponderance of what might now be seen as "classic" titles. Indeed, the biggest surprise in the entire poll was the endusiasm shown for one of the most ancient books to which children have attached themselves: The Pilgrim's Progress.
One author recalled the adventures and the laxidly detailed portraits by Frederick Barnard for the Dalziel edition; Richard Adams apparently wrote an essay on it as his favourite book when he was nine years old; and A. J. P. Taylor still ranks it high: ... When young I liked the style?... Many of the other classic choices were predictable

choices were predictable choices were predictable choices were predictable choices were predictable choices were predictable choices were predictable choices were predictable on the most frequently recurring being one or other of the "Alice" books, or of these by Beatrix Potter—but Kingsley Amis (who thought that nobody with a name like that nobody with a name like that could be any good) felt she was "forced on helpless impressionable children by adults who have forgotten what ir's like to be a child", an were "pretty strong in the past-on Enid Blyton, and I am afraid

been of no avail.".

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Enid Blyton, in fact, came in. for less praise and less vilification in the poll than might be expected—no one recalling here with pleasure, and lew people spending any time on needlessiy destructive remarks. Hunter Davies's "soppy and girlish" seems to sum it all up. As it turned out, though, there was considerable refuctance on the part of several participants to name "least favourite" titles. K. M. Peyson deemed it unkind a, m. reyou deemed it maind to specify snyone writing curverntly—"although I could without much brouble" she added darkly—and Roald Dubl didn't went to knock fellow writers. But then he also returned to preside them and said fused to praise them and said:
"to be absolutely honest with you my favourite book is Charlie and the Chocolate Facmy favourite book is

tory by you now who — a phrase echoed, oddly enough, by Jill Paton Walsh, when she chose Charlie as her least fav. ourite item. Such clushes of opinion were among the more heartening revelations of the survey, partly because they showed hig books evoking passionate responses.

After all, it's easy enough to write off. "Topsy and Tim" books, as Emma Tennant did, opinion that got some support for their "smug assumptions" from Lord Olivier—sounds:1— and their "boring and banal" of daily life who would wish to oppose such a precise moment of readiness, view with any velemence? But and who has, moreover, suf-there was a different voltage in fered much from incompetent

the attacks and major works.

Trevor Nunn, for instance could, write about Watership Down that for him, as an adult, it's the best children's book I have ever read a genuine lesson in lost innocence while for Hunter Davies it was "pre-tentions rubbish". And Richard Adams himself figures as pro-ponent for Walter de la Mare's The Three Royal Monkeys, which, with Ballanayne's Garilla Hunters; counts as worst for Colin Wilson: "In fact." he says with crushing disdain. "it strikes me that de la Mare and Ballantyne are certainly among the most overrated of all childthe most overrated of all child-rens writers—both appallingly bad to the poin of unreadable-ness, the second "simply an ignoranus" and the first "having up particular talent of any kind". (I must say I agree with him about unreadable Ballantyne, but The Three Royal Montage is a different matter—a weird book, whose laterage and landscape have a

ted that Hans Christian Andersen figured high among the much disliked authors (and also high on the list of names constantly spek wrong). He is an author who perhaps has to be read by children at a very

tal illustrators so that he is not really as "awer" as Simoa Raven makes out. It is also not surprising to find a bed press

for the Teuronic Grimms and for Dr Heinrich Holfmann, Certainly the Grimms had their de-fenders: Catherine Cookson retains "an undying gratitude for the woman in the house up-stairs who brought me Grimms' Fairy Tales", but the forces were ranged three to one against Strumwelneter. Auberon Waugh, who was the one, didn't state why it was a favourite, but he can have the satisfaction that no less a judge of picture books than Maurice Sendak has said that it is "graphically one of the most beautiful books in the world". The other big surprise of the survey was the line-up against Rassome. As one who read We

Didn't Mean To Go To Sea oblivious of bombs falling on streets near by, I was startled by the vehemence of his detraclanguage and landscape have a richness beyond anything found elsewhere in children's literar-

tors: "that prissy little group of children", said Jilly Cooper, "rushing around going camp-ing and doing awful boring things like sailing"; "totally unreadable" said John Braine; "mildle distincted" said Singer "mildly dislike(d)" said Simon
Raven; and Michael Holroyd,
after a Jilly Cooper-ish assault
on "all that fiddling with ropes
and jumping about on foredecks", added more in sorrow than in anger, "we were not like that where I lived in Berk-

approunced a devoted atach meat to Ransome there was enough diversity in the list as a whole to knock the property of the children only enjoy or remember the avowedly popular writers. Stevenson and Kiping and Dickens (or at least Dand Copperfield) gained as witspread an affection as the "William" Books or the Biggles books—of whim Simon Raven movingly sail ment to Ransome there was

These flaked corns

not mouldy yet at all...

see still a bit crisp, Mum-

Simon Raven movingly sail "I'm told these books are nov labelled 'fascist' by a cerain kind of school-teacher and whisked off the shelves into the dustbin to be replaced of stories railored in accordant with the recommendations and fads of the Equal Opportunits Commission. No wonder reading is unpopular with children

I don't think he need worr? too much though, for Biggles Decies the Moralists in thousand paperbacks — alone with William and the much derided Stalky & Co. But what ever happened, I wonder, to the really odd-ball favourites—Gerald Bullett's Remember Mrs. Munch, say, or H. L'Estrange Maione's Nipping Bear, or The Unlucky Family by Mrs. Hearide la Pastura rablished in de la Pasture, published in 1907? And how many readers can tell Dr Desmond Morris who wrote The One-eyed Griffin?

> Brian Alderson Children's Books Editor

How eight artists got the official seal of approval

They were a worried group of craftsmen and artists in the Atelier Gourdon, near the Porte d'Orleons, on Thursday. A series of telephone calls to

the casino at Pau, in south-west France had foiled to find any news of the lorry carrying their exhibition of lithographs.

"Perhaps it has been hijacked", somebody said, but the joke was in had taste. They tell an apocryphal story in the print workshops of Paris about the big lorry stopped at the Spanish border, stuffed with blank sheets of paper. Closer inspection by the Customs men showed that each shear way not

showed that each sheet was not

quite blank but bore the signa-

The paper was said to be on forgeries. There were secret way to a printers and there printings of second editions, was to be turned into an Sometimes a colour would be its way to a printers and there it was to be turned into an original lithograph signed by the artist in a kinited edition as advertised in glossy maga-zines everywhere. The blank sheets of paper, with their signature, were worth a small

Whether or not the story is that it gained so much cre-dence. Over the past decade limited editions of lithographs have become less and less limited in so many cases as to debase the currency. About two years ago the ac-evitable happened. Greed led to the publication of almost

editions. There were

confidence in the art of litho-

energetic art editor of Corticus descent, M Alain Agostini. He collected a team of eight artists sioned together and commis-them to do one litho-

to the courts and asked for the help of a hunsier, a legal

Sometimes a colour would be changed or the type of paper changed to make a picture schoically different. The market was flooded

The exhibition at Pau opened yesterday, the lorry having safely arrived in time. It is an the pile of 1,000 lithographs, and on the back of each one he meanly stamped his official scal in the corner, then signed it.

The signature is quite neat
on the lithegraphs near the top of the pile, but for those near the end it has become little more than an artistic souiggle of its own. Nevertheless, he finished the task, giving a legal guarantee that the linegraph

was the genuine article.

still use a 150-year-old press with a foot treadle and side capstan to run off proofs squeezed flat by the roller on to a real hunk of printer's stone. One of the craftsmen worked with Picasso, and they all have the sort of dedication to their craft that makes artists queue up to have their work printed

One of the Agostini group of eight is Vincent Haddesley-Yorkshireman, horse fananic, naive painter and amateur lithographist

He is pleased that Pou bas been chosen for staking his first exhibition of legally

approved lithographs because of the town's British connexions. The Duke of Wellington went hunting there, and there is still a local meet composed of very french members who ride with verve and me known locally as Les Anglais.

Haddersley has drawn a special picture of the Pau hunt for the exhibition, full of horses, 25 are most of his printings. But the lithographs to which he, his fellow artists and the print workshops are looking anxiously. If it succeeds their the leval examination to become a huissier mirtin have to include

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THE DEFENCE OF EUROPE

Nato is now in better shape than fields, with new and better Britain, for instance, to defy both it has been for some time, as this week's meeting in Brussels showed. There are still some very sore spots, such as the dis- Brussels rightly said that this Turkey, but the broad purposes lations. But so far the West has of the alliance are now being shown itself able to counter with pursued with a relatively high sufficient improvements of its degree of harmony and ration own. As Mr Brown said in Brus-ality. Grand gestures and sweep-sels: "The alliance really does ality. Grand gestures and sweeping new doctrines have taken second place to programmes of steady practical reforms over the that". He cited the fact that short and the long term. Worries about critical insufficiencies and bungled planning are receding. There has already been some progress in what General Haig, the Supreme Commander Europe, has called the three Rs readiness, reinforcement and rationalization. Mr Harold Brown, the American Defence Secretary, said on Wednesday that he was particularly encouraged by the response of the allies to the short-term initiatives agreed in May.

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There are two main reasons for this growing confidence. First, an acceptable level of mutual comprehension between Moscow and Washington has been restored after the rough period at the beginning of the year, when the Russians were rattled by the opening gambits the Carter Administration. Little has been achieved in the ray of concrete agreements but the feeling that the two super nowers inight stimble into daugerous mistakes through simple lack of communication is no longer so acute. The underlying validity of détente is confirmed, even mough its terms are far from fully agreed.

Secondly, members of the alliance seem to have established a broader consensus on the nature of the threat and what needs to be done to counter it. At one end of the scale it has been impossible to sustain the belief that détente would usher in a new ers of rapid disarmament. Efforts must and will continue (new western proposals are on the way) but results will be slow coming, so there can be no lowering of military vigilance. At the other end of the scale the more alarmist predictions of a rapid swing of the belance of power against a crumbling and demoralized West have also proved exaggerated.

True, the Soviet build-up has missile. It would be politically as continued relentlessly in all well as technically difficult for

Hitachi, the Japanese electrical

and electronics company, that there is no place for them in

Britain the home-based television

manufacturing industry has won

what it clearly considers to be a

singular victory. If victory means

deflecting the Government from

its avowed policy of seeking to

attract more foreign investment

to these shores, despite the long-

term consequences that such a deflection may have for British

industry as a whole, then the

manufacturers and their trade

union partners are using the word well. But many will hope that this particular "victory"

will prove to be singular only in

the sense that it is a once-and-

for all happening, not to be re-

peated by this or any other manufacturing group bent upon its

There are several disturbing

spects to the affair About a year ago the Government,

through its representatives in the

Department of Industry, indi-

cated that it would not oppose

Hitachi's efforts to establish manufacturing facilities in the

north of England, provided cer-

tain conditions were met. Nego-

tiations were opened, and several

important assurances were

wrested from the Japanese. In

essence, Hitachi agreed that it

would obtain at least 40 per cent

of the components it required

from United Kingdom suppliers;

own sectional interests.

weapons of all types streaming continuously into eastern Europe. Last night's comminiqué from between Greece and casts a shadow over East-West rehave to pull up its socks (but) I think we are now starting to do allied anti-tank guided missiles will have increased from 47,000 ar the end of 1976 to 193,000 by the end of 1978.

There are, however, some new and difficult challenges looming up that already require even closer cooperation between Europe and the United States. At stake in the long run is whether Europe or any of its members can sustain an inde-pendent nuclear deterrent. At the moment arms control is being discussed mainly on two separate levels. The Americans and the Russians discuss limits on strategic weapons while in Vienna the allies (without France) join in attempts to limit forces in central Europe. The forces in central Europe. The distinction is becoming increas-ingly blurred, largely because of new weapons such as the Cruise missile, which can be either tactical or strategic, but also because of forward-based systems such as land-based and sea-based bombers which can attack the Soviet Union from Europe. The Americans are now considering including forward-based systems and "grey area" weapons in guidelines for future Salt agreements. Already there is a Sovier-: American protocol envisaging three years at which Cruise missiles with a range of more than 600 kilometres would not be deployed while versions with a range of more than 2,500 kilometres would not be developed. Mr Brown rightly insists that this does not foreclose the possibility of Cruise missiles being deployed in Europe, or even of Europeans developing their own

Nor has the United States made

any commitment not to transfer

Cruise missile technology to its European allies. The whole question is still open. Equally accurately, however, he speaks

of political and psychological

pressures following from Soviet-

American limitations on the

some 50 per cent of its output,

and at the same time it would reduce the importation of its sets from Japan as its own English-

based operation got under way.

It would be wrong to say that

the Government has now gone

back on its word, because it is

the Japanese themselves who

have decided that the climate is

not right for them to move into

Britain. But Hitachi has clearly

come to this decision because of

the sustained and at times near-hysterical campaign waged against it by the industry's leaders. And the Government has done little publicly to above this protectionist clamour.

Ironically, the industry's cam-

paign has been led by its own

sector working party, operating under the umbrella of the

National Economic Development

Office. It is to such bodies as this that the Government has

been looking for statesman-like,

practical advice on implementing

the industrial strategy that is

designed to restore the country

to its former glory as a pro-ducer of goods for the world.

One can understand the anxiety of workers in the

television manufacturing indus-

try to preserve their jobs,

particularly at a time when their

companies are suffering from a

severe recession, and over-capacity. It is natural, too, that

the companies themselves should

A VICTORY THAT IS WORSE THAN DEFEAT

persuading executives of moreover, it would seek to export

super powers and try to develop own Cruise missile which depends not only on a sophisticated guidance system but also on very accurate mapping by satellites. The problem requires careful debate.

At the moment it is not even certain that the Cruise missile would necessarily be the best means of providing Britain with a strategic nuclear deterrent when the present generation of submarine based missiles be-comes obsolete. Some experts argue that it is not as cheap as it is made out to be if all its launching and support systems are taken into account, as well as the numbers required if it is to have any chance of penetrating enemy defences. Others still regard it as a valativaly them. regard it as a relatively cheap and flexible way of preserving just enough nuclear capability to make a potential aggressor or blackmailer hesitate before pressing the button.

What is important at the moment is that Soviet-American negotiations should not pre-empt decisions which deeply affect European interests and require European participation. This is not happening yet but it could happen in the future, par-ticularly if Europeans, are unsure what they want. They have good reason for being unsure. The strategic weapons now held by Britain and France are a legacy of decisions made in different circumstances. It is easy enough to argue that in strictly military terms they are not really effective and not worth the money. It would nevertheless be a big and risky step to give them up altogether and rely wholly on the super powers, especially at a time when more countries will be acquiring nuclear weapons. The interests of Europe, and the super powers will not necessarily be for ever and everywhere identical. A few old-fashioned nuclear weapons do not look impressive in computarized war games but they carry a certain psychological weight and inject an element of uncertainty into the calculations of the super powers which could in certain circumstances be salutary. Decisions about their long-term future must be taken consciously and not left until they have been

overtaken by eyents.

seek to build barriers against so

powerful a competitor, both

technologically and economically, as Hitachi. But ultimately

no British manufacturer, or

indeed no manufacturer in any

other part of the world, can

survive against a producer who offers reliable products often at costs which are lower than those

of its rivals. Its only hope is to

put its own house in order as

rapidly as possible.

On the day Hitachi said it would not go forward with its United Kingdom plans it announced that it had formed links with Education and the said formed t

links with General Electric to

manufacture in the United States. That, too, has its own touch of irony. The American television manufacturing

industry has been going through as intensely competitive

a period as its British counter-

part, and its leaders have been lobbying their country's politi-

cians with equal persistence. Yet

the Hitachi-General Electric

to Britain may give the United

Kingdom industry a chance to rationalize; if this opportunity

is taken, some good may come of the affair. If it is not, the

chances are that the industry's

opposition will prove to have done no more than persuade

other would-be foreign investors

that Britain does not mean busi-

Hitachi's decision not to come

plan has not been stopped.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and the BBC

From Sir Hugh Greene Sir, I am sorry that Sir Barold Wilson's famous memory is at last beginning to full him beginning to fail him.

Today The Times reports his "categorical denial" of a statement by Mr Mansell, the managing director of BBC external services, on a case of Government intervention in connexion with a programme about a book by Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Aliloyeva.

The programme consisted in fact of extracts from her book, Letters to a Friend, which was due to be broadcast in the BBC Russian Service on May 25, 1967. George Brown, then Foreign Secretary, had been on a visit to Moscow since May 23. On the afternoon of May 25 I had a telephone call from the Foreign Office to say that an urgent message had been received from George Brown, asking that steps should be taken to see that the programme was dropped as otherwise Mr. Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, had threatened to cancel a very important meeting due to take place the next day. I replied that the programme could not be dropped as it had received a lot of publicity and press comment would be unavoidable. The programme consisted in fact

be unavoidable.

A little later that afternoon another call reached me, this time from Number 10 Downing Street. I was told that the Prime Minister would be very grateful if the programme could be dropped "in the national interest". I finally agreed to a 48-hour postponement, and the programme was in fact broadcast on May 27.

May 27.

I do not quite understand why Sir Harold Wilson was in such a hurry to issue his "categorical denial". There seems to me to be nothing discreditable to him in this incident, or for that matter to me. It would be intolerably arrogant for any Duector General of the BBC to regard himself in all circumstances as a better judge of the "national interest" than the Prime Minister of the day, even though on the very the day, even though on the very rare occasious when something like this happens it is cartainly his busi-ness to consider whether the "national interest" is really involved or whether it is a purely

party matter. When one remembers that allthese exchanges were by telephone,
it is going a hit far for Sir Harold
Wilson to claim that a search of
Number 10 files "confirms" that
this incident did not occur. However that may be, there is a fullaccount of the whole affair in the
BBC archives.

I cannot comment on Sir Harold
Wilson's other "categorical denial"
dealing with an interview about a
book on President Amin as that was
after my time. When one remembers that all

after my time. Yours faithfully,

HUGH GREENE. Flat 7, 10 Palace Gate, 178. December 8.

Fuel disconnexions

From the Secretary of the British Gas Corporation

Gas Corporation

Sir, Mr Jeremy Mitchell of the National Consumer Council claims (letter December 8) that their evidence of contraventions of the code of practice on the payment of domestic electricity and gas bills will stand up to further investigation.

. It is our experience that when we try to investigate such allega-tions adequate information is often not available. It is for this reason that we have asked the National Consumer Council to provide us with the names, addresses and full details of all cases concerning gas about which they have written to the Secretary of State.

the Secretary of State.

The National Gas Consumers Council, which is the statutory Council charged with looking after the interests of gas consumers, has monitored the operation of the code of practice, as far as gas is concerned, regularly since January, 1977. They have informed us that they have not found a single instance where disconnection was incorrectly applied out of nearly incorrectly applied out of nearly 500 cases which they have investigated. Yours faithfully,

GORDON MAY, Secretary, British Gas Corporation, Secretary, British Co. 59 Bryanston Street, Marble Arch, W1. December 8.

Aid for El Salvador From Father Maurice Keane, SJ,

and others

Sir, December 10 is Human Rights
Day and we, as Jesuits, would like
to draw attention again to the plight
of the oppressed in El Salvador.

Evidence indicates that the hopedfor improvements after the elections of a few months ago have not
taken place. At best the approach
as now a more subtle one but no and others s now a more subtle one but no less pernicious. Mass arrests continue as also detention without trial torture and the killing of those who courageously protest the injustices of their society. Church groups (including the country's 47 threstened with extermination in the middle of the summer), pensents, trade unionists, students have all become victims of the

Such reports are common reading today and it is easy to turn a deaf ear to yet one more example. But it is especially painful and outrageous to learn at the same time presently proposing to sell £850,000 of military equipment, including second-hand armouted vehicles, to the Salvadorean Government.

The minufacture and sale of ems remains always a highly questionable enterprise. In the present case it cannot but be immoral. Since March of this year US military aid to El Salvador has been suspended on grounds of human rights. It would seem urgent that Britain should support this initiative and cancel immediately. Yours smoorely. MAURICE KEANE, SJ.

Some may believe that the con-sequence would be better public BRIAN CONWAY, SJ. ROBERT MURRAY, SJ. JOSEPH LAISHLEY, SJ. transport systems in town and country. NBC emphasically does not. 20 Phoenix Road, NW1. We do not think that county and district councils who take their December &

conches.

Sir Harold Wilson Broadcast attack on National Front

Yours faithfully, HUMPHRY BERKKLEY,

Three Pages Yard,

From Mr S. N. Abbasi

Sir, The party political broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party was remarkable not in its use of pro-paganda but in the implicit accept-

ance of the National Front as a major political force.

major poditical force.

Politics allows the use of all forms of propaganda: only in England do we retain the sense of "fair play". However, the gross violation of this tradition by the National Front, in its use of lucid, emotive propaganda was not, until the Labour Party programme, checked with an assertive definition.

By paying a mere lip-service to the National Front, the established parties have been guilty of allowing the Front to grow: they have no one to blame but themselves for the increasing membership and political power exerted by the Front.

At long last, a major political party has fought back at the National Front using the simple rechnique of highlighting the Front's tactics, not ha a rhetorical open ended fashion but in a simplistic and therefore, direct fashion.

simplistic and therefore, direct fashion.

The National Front has always operated on a political level below that of the established parties: at last one of these established parties has decided to counter the Front at the Front level of politics and that is where the National Front will be defeated.

Yours faithfully

Yours faithfully,

Edgware. Middlesex.

December 7.

SAULAT ABBASI.

Comman Gardens.

From Mr Peter Wood

political broadcast.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley

Sir, I disagree with your opinion, which was expressed in a leading article today (December 9), that the Labour Party was wrong to make a head-on attack on the National Front in its latest party political broadcast. political broadcast.

I spent almost every evening during the GLC elections canvas-sing for the Labour candidate for North Hackney and Stoke Newing-ton, in the spring of this year. The National Front fought that election on a programme of deadly simpli-city. It was a combination of cialist measures and racial barred. Such a programme brought Hitler to power in Germany in 1933. The National Front propagands in the GLC elections was simed at the working ...class and the target was hit with unerring accuracy.

I came across over 40 people during my canvass who told me that they intended to vote for the National Front candidate. All but National Front candidate. All but four of them had voted Labour in October, 1974; none had voted Conservative previously. The Labour, Liberal and Communist candidates denounced the propaganda of that there were six million coloured people in Britain, instead of that true figure of two million; the Conservative candidate declined to do so.

The National Front programme for London involved the compulsory repatriation of all coloured people from Britain (even those who were born here), and the removal of coloured people from council bouse waiting lists and from CTC measurement applicants! Lists GLC mortgage applicants. lists. Special segregated schools were to be built for the education of coloured children in the presumably transitory period between now and their "reputation".

It is necessary for all of us to recognize that the only class is the human race, and to proclaim our belief now, because tomorrow will be too late.

be too late.

Like you, I deplore the fact that people were interviewed without knowing that they were to appear in a party political broadcast. This is quite inexcusable in any circumstances, and should be as vigorously condemned as the recent taping of the speech of a public figure who was under the impression that he was speaking at a private dinner. wao was under the impression that he was speaking at a private dinner.

I have for some time felt that party political broadcasts should be abolished. While they exist, however, you are quite right in saving that the National Front should be able, through a chosen spokesman

to express the opinion that what the broadcast said with relation to the National Front should have been said by responsible politicians in this country several years ago. Yours faithfully, PETER WOOD,

Sir, I am at a loss to understand the furore at the recent Lubour Party

I am not a supporter of the Labour Party, but I am a Jew. And from this standpoint I would like

7 Bolmn Road, St Johns Wood, NW8. otter eats mainly fish whereas the dist of the mink is much more broadly based, but it none the less exists. In addition, evidence from Sweden suggests that otters will not breed where mink are found.

Although it is true that compara-rively faw offers have been killed by offer hounds in recent years, some pregnant bitch offers are be-lieved to abort after being hunted. During the lost decade offer hounds, have killed considerable numbers of mink, which cause have among our paries wildlife and domestic noultry.

native wildlife and domestic poultry.
They would, I suggest, do better
in future to confine their attention
to this; voracious alien carnivore,
rather than barass the gravely

endangered native otter.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LEVER,

Safeguarding the otter

From Str Christopher Lever Sir, It is not, I believe, generally realized just how endangered the otter is becoming in Britain. Legis-lation to protect it locally may not be enough to save ir from extinc-tion; it must have national pro-tection;

tection:

It is also, I think, not fully appreciated how shy and timid the otter is; if it is to bread successfully it requires both an absence of competing species and, above all, freedom from disturbance. As it has no netural predators in Britain, this means freedom from disturbance by man, whether as angler, yachtaman, camper, hiker or humans.

There is heldered to be some

There is believed to be some commexion between the absence of otters and the presence of the now widely naturalized alien mink in some parts of the country through competition for food. This competition may not be excessive, as the

Rye Mead House, Winkfield, Windsor Forest, Berkshire. December 6.

Criticizing South Africa From Mr Peter Hardy, MP for Rother Valley (Labour)

Sir, You published an advertisement from the Club of Tea recently which suggested that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office employed double standards in its attitude to South Africa. The advertisement suggested that while South Africa had been criticized for its treatment of sections of the press, no such criticism had been levelled at Pakis-uan for the arrest of four editors.

In fact, while relations between the press and the present Administration in Pakistan may be poor, the press there may currently ensome years and it is apparently more willing to defend itself.

There are other differences between the two Governments treat-ment of the press. Charges were preferred scainst the Pakistan edi-tors immediately. They were held for periods of between four and ten days before release. But they have been relessed and, contrary to the suggestion in the advertisement, there is no evidence that they were In South Africa, on the other hand, three newspapers were banned on October 19, The World, The Weekend World and the journal of the Christian Institute. The editor of The World, Percy Cobosa, was detained on that date and is still in custody. The editor of another paper, the Daily Dispatch, was "banned" at the same time. No charges have been preferred in either case. either case.
The International Press Institute

protested to Pakistan on November 8. You reported that the editors were released on the following day. This Institute and other organizations have protested about the South African Government's actions

but to no avail.

I suppose it is too much to expect objectivity from organizations like the Club of Ten but those responsible might do well to read relevant reports in those newspapers in which they advertise.

Yours etc. PETER HARDY, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, House of Commons.

responsibilities seriously in this field

believe it either. Perhaps Sir Christopher wants

different rules in different places. In our view he cannot bave it both

ROBERT BROOK, Chief Executive,

National Bus Company. 25 New Street Square, EC4.

Building conservation

From the Chairman, Building Conservation Association

Sir, If the Government is looking

at ways in which North Sea oil revenue may be invested for the

mation, a good case could be made

for earmarking some of the funds for the rehabilitation of our build-ing and housing stock. This would

enable us to pass on to the next

generation cities, towns and hamlets

which maintain something of our heritage with improved living standards for enjoyment today.

Rehabilitation is, moreover, labour intensive and gives opportunities both for craft skills and

factory employment. There could surely be no better use socially or

economically for our North Sea

ways. Yours faithfully,

December 7.

Bus services From the Chief Executive of the

National Bus Company Sir, It is not clear from your report vesterday (December 7) on Sir Christopher Soames' comments whether he was attacking the Traffic Commissioners or the National Bus Company. Since the former hold office in an independent quasijudicial capacity, I can only assume they were not his target. If they were, be appears to have been accus ing them of partiality in exercising their discretion under the statutes. As for NBC, our subsidiaries own less than 19,000 out of some 77,000 public service vehicles in Great Britain, If present controls over bus services, by road service licence, and other means in London, were removed, NBC subsidiaries would be free to compete anywhere without constraint. This would include the areas served by the 20,000 or more buses owned by London Transport and the six Passenger Transport Executives, controlled by the Greater London and Metropolitan County Councils and some 50 bus undertakings controlled by District Councils in England and Wales. NPC might well be joined in that free for all by some of the independent operators of about 28,000 buses and

windfall Yours faithfully, PAUL REILLY, Chairman, Building Conservation Association. 26 Store Street, WC1. December 8.

The law for those living together and by means of a television interview, to reply to allegations which they believe to be unfair. From Mr D. C. Bradley

Sir, The points which Mr David Green raises in his letter (Decem-ber 5) over-estimate the importance of the interpretation of the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1976 in Davis v Johnson and disregard the context in which the majority in that case saw the scheme of protection afforded by the Act operating

the Act operating.

The case does not purport to confer a general adjustive jurisdiction on the breakdown of collection on the breakdown of collection. habitation through violence similar to that which is available to spouses on the grant of a divorce decree, nor did the majority foresee the long term disruption of property rights as an inevitable result of their decision.

their decision.

What was envisaged was a discretion exercisable by county courtjudges with their substantial experience in family matters, wide enough to take account of the circumstances of individual cases. Its primary purpose was seen as conferring only short term protection from homelessness while permanent accommodation was found. They also considered that the concept of property rights, and hence the notion of their disruption, was artificial in the rights, and hence the notion of their disruption, was artificial in the many cases which would involve non-assignable council tenancies which were not protected by the Rent Acts and which had no commercial value.

In the light of this approach much of the reaction to Davis v Johnson has been exaggerated. The alternative to detiving an unmarried co-

has been exaggerated. The alternative to denying an unmarried cohabitee and her children temporary but much needed protection from homelessness irrespective of the duration, the circumstances and motives for cohabitation, is not a "mistress's charter" and this is not what the case produces. Many of the difficulties to which Mr Green refers either will not arise or, if they do, will be dealt with on a further application by the injuncted property owner before the county court judge.

The real achievement of the case hes not in the extent of the rights

Hes not in the extent of the rights which have been conferred but in which have been conferred but in the willingness to innovate and interpret a statutory provision which was clear in its wording but ambiguous in its context to provide relief to a particularly vulnerable section of the community; viz, those at risk from domestic violence and moreover the poorest among them. Yours faithfully,

D. C. BRADLEY, London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2. December 6.

Changed rules of Equity From Mr Nigel Davenport

Sir, The article by Lord Olivier in your issue of November 26 under the heading "Union type casting " was most timely. He writes, he says, in panic about the undermining of personal and arristic freedoms within Equity, the actors' union. These freedoms are hard to define and, in being so, often hard to protect. But if any faction within our union ever deprived our membership of them it would be working spainst the principles for which Equity was formed; it was originally founded only to protect actors well being along with their personal and artistic freedoms.

artistic freedoms.

Actors, as artists with many diverse skills and opinions, are peculiarly difficult to organise into a union structure, and the moderate a union structure, and the moderate views of the majority make them disinclined to participate in union affairs. But in their apathetic moderacy they place their personal liberties at stake—as are the liberties of many million moderate members of trade unions throughout this

country.
Hopefully, Lord Olivier's article
will rend blood pumping through
singer h veins. Yours atc.

NIGHT DAVENPORT, 47 Philimore Gardens, W8.
December 2

Second person singular From Dr Brian Porter

From Dr Brian Porter
Sir, The increasing tendency in
the pulpit to address the Almienty
as "You" is much to be deplored.
For if persisted in it will lead to
the total disappearance from living speech of the "thou, thee
thine" forms and a consequent
impoverishment of the language.
Suppose our poets had had to make
do with the usly "your"—"Drink
to me only with your eyes".

If the older pronouns are now
unfamiliar the answer, surely, is
not to abundon them but to revive
them. We restore our carbedrals,
our paintings, and now our historic our paintings, and now our historic ships. Should we not take similar care over part of a heritage greater even than these; our English tongue?

The second person singular might be revived as the language of endearment, as in French, and who could more effectively do this than he writers of pop songs? Yours faithfully.

BRIAN PORTER, Department of International University College of Wales,

Abervstwyth, December 6.

The Lord's Prayer

From Lady Stansgate

Sir, Baron von Hügel once soid of the New Testament in its original Greek: "It's not even literature but it's the Bread of Life." In other words, there, beauty of form has never obscured the content of the message,

Whenever I am jarred by modernized versions of the Lord's Prayer I remember this salutary fact and, with it, the down-to-earth reaction of a young grand-daughter to whom I was teaching the prayer in its traditional form. After listening with interest she

paused for a moment and then made the spontaneous request: "Now say it in English 120 Yours faithfully. MARGARET STANSGATE. 10 North Court, Great Peter Street Westminster, SW1. December 5.

President Sadat's mission

From Mrs D. C. Casson Sir, What response from the church to the Egyptian-Israeli moves towards peace does Mr Andrew Cruickshank look for? (December 5). He asks for recognition from "Christianity through its churches". Here in an industrial and new housing area members of this Anglican church have been giving thanks to God for the news. In our public worship, in house groups and privately we have praved for all mose involved. The contrasts, Political and spiritual, with the Stuation at the time of Moses have been discussed with lively interest. We are ordinary Christians; we see God at work in the world, and we rejoice. What more can we do?

Yours faithfully. HELEN CASSON. 145 Hollybush Road, Bedfordshire.

December 5.

Fount of honour? From Mr Peter Grant Sir, I have always suspected that The Times is the true fount of all honours and in Oxford, at least, the case seems proved. A few days 2.0, Philip Howard conferred on friend Fr Christopher Lash the totate he so amply merits but arts so far steadfastly refused to col-

lect; today Clifford Longley bestows

on Professor James Barr the grace of Episcopal confirmation (without

could not write a representative work of ".iberal Anglican how are these things But

arranced? I am sure if you were to mention (just casually) that I am a fellow of Balliol, they would not turn me away when I turned up for diane:. To whom does one apply? Yours expectantly. PETER W. GRANT, 32 Hart Street.

Bermuda executions From Lord Thurlow

December 5.

Sir, The recent debate on the Bermuda executions recells a 1970 case of a capital sentence in the Enhamas. After due process and in accordance with the advice of the Bahamas Committee on the Exercise of the Prerogative of Mercy. I stated that the law must take its course, but on appeal to the Crown the then Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary asked for reconsideration.

The case remained under discussion between Nossau and London for many weeks during which exhaustive further examination of all the circumstances confirmed the judgment of Bahemas Ministers and myself. But the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary made it clear that he was not prepared to allow the sentence to be carried out. After repeated stay of proceedings we eventually acquiesced on grounds

of humanity, in order that the conwhich, presumably, even a Scot demned prisoner, should not be kept longer in suspense.

The constitutional convention was not formally breached but in effect the Creech Iones Rules were set

asine. I remain, Sir, Your obedient servant, THURLOW, House of Lords. December 8.

ness after all.

In Regent's Park

on December 6, about the sculpture which has appeared in Regent's Park. Not only are there blue fibreglass statues, but mini-Stonehenges and monoliths have also appeared under groups of trees. Why must this lovely open Park—the whole point of its harmonious nature is point of its harmonious nature is that it is an open and almost rural place in the midst of the plensing architecture of the Nash tetraces—be cluttered up with mau-made objects? If it is said that this sculpture, even if it is discordant, is there to "make us think", surely one might reply that to most people who habitually walk in Regent's who habitually walk in Regent's Pork this place, with its splendid wild fowl, trees, flowers and fields is a pleasant and uplifting refuge from oppressive thought.

From Lady Mallinson Sir, I should like to write in sup-port of Mr Brown's letter, published

Yours faithfully, MARGARET MALLINSON, 25 Wimpole Street, W1. December 6.



COURT

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 9: Mr Justice Hodgson had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood. His Excellency Shri Narayan Ganesh Goray was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of India in London.

bonour of being presented to Her

High Commission, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty:
Shri P. A. Nazareth (Deputy High Commissioner), Dr Arjun Sengupta (Minister), Shri C. Modwell (Minister), Shri V. K. M. Menon (Counsellor), Shri C. Mayatas (Military Adviser), Commodore C. L. Sachdeva (Navri Adviser) and Air Commodore Narioler Chotsath (Air Adviser).

Mr Cortis Keeble (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour being received by The Gueen and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr P. S. Prestou (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Development) had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Her Majesty, Colonel in-Chief of The Onem's Lancashire Regiment, received the Colonel (Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard) and a representative party from the Regiment and accepted a Silver, Jubilee Gift.

The Duke of Reinburgh visited RM Naval Base at Chatham this morning.

Bevan).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain-General, luthr visited the Royal Marines at Deal and was received by the Commandant-General

Mess. Captain Duncan Christie-Miller, RM, was in attendance.

Clifford Jarrett, 68; Sir Jeremy Morse, 49; Sir John Peel, 73. and Miss R. L. Miller
The marriage took piece recently
in Philadelphia of Mr Stephen
John Selwyn, son of Mr aud Mrs
Charles Selwyn, of Bembridge, Isle
of Wight, to Miss Rhonds Lori
Miller, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Marvin Miller, of Springfield,
Pennsylvania, United States.

Reinhold Niebuhr: The theologian behind President Carter Jimmy Carter a collection of writings by an American theologian called Reinhold Niebulor

positical Bible for Carter (see The Religion of President Carter by Niels Nielsen, Mow-brays 1977). Who is Niebuhr and what

did he say? In what way is his thinking likely to influence Jimmy Carter's presidency?
The formative period in Niebuhr's life was his time as pastor to a congregation in tor to a congregation Detroit from 1914 to 1927. Prior to this he had been a campaigning pacifist. His experience of the car industry in Detroit brought him up against the power factor in human affairs and made him realize the need for strong unions. "I cut my eyeceth fighting Ford", he said. His experience of the power struggle in industry alerted him to what was becomening on the international causing alerted min to wirst was happening on the international scene, He discerned what the Nazis were up to and knew that only force could stop In 1932 Niebuhr published Moral Man and Immoral

Forthcoming -

Mr P. H. Chandler and Miss S. R. Dick-Lauder

Mr N. J. D. Ames and Miss C. A. Moldram

Mr 8. C. Richardson and Miss N. Kanayama

Birthdays today

Sir Howard, Reals, 79; Sir Eric

Berthoud, 77; Major-General G. M. Dyer, 79; Miles Rumer Godden, 70; Mr Cecil Hallett, 78; Sir

TOMORROW: Sir Anthony Abell, 71; Admiral of the Fleet

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Bespoke -

The engagement is announced between Piers Henry, son of Mr and Mrs D. C. B. Chamdler, of Sutton Coldifield, Warwickshire, and Selina Rose, younger daughter of Sir George and Lady Dick-Lauder, of Firth, Roslin, Midlothian.

The engagement is amounted between Norman, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Ames, of Burbage, Leicestershire, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Moldram, of Hannington, Wiltshirs.

marriages

man should be allowed to open bis mouth on political matters without having read it. Its cen-tral thesis can be simply stated, though not with Nie-buhr's special blend of intelligence, political acumen and passion. In relationships with individuals I can appeal to their idealism, use persuasion, make personal sacrifices and ask them to do the same. But in relationships between groups this is not possible. The best that can be hoped for in inter-group relationships is a nough and ready justice. This will not just be a matter of good men applying fair laws. Justice is achieved by a proper distribution of power, so that one group, whether its leaders. are personally good or bad, cannot tyranuize another. The danger with realism is that it can easily teeter over the edge into cynicism or unthinking conservation. This

Mr. P. A. Delbecq and Mile J. de Riddere

Mr N. Hunt and Miss G. Bartlett

Mr R. H. C. Nichols and Miss C. M. Mason

The engagement is amnounced and the marriage will take place on February 25, 1973, in Kiushasa between Philippe Alexandre, younger son of Captain and Mrs Gustave Delbecq, of Kiushasa, Republic of Zaire and of Windsor, Republic of Zaire and of Windsor,

Berkshire, and Jeasmine, daustrer of M and Mme Roger de Riddere, of Kinshasa, Republic of Zaire and Limbourg, Belgium.

The engagement is ansounced between Nigel son of Dr and Mrs B. W. Hunt, of Kingston Devertill, Wätshire, and Gwyaeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. G. Barrilett, of Ibberton, Dorset.

and Miss C. M. Mason
The engagement is aumounced between Rupert, only son of Mr and Mrs Rupers E. T. Nichols, of Grove Cottage, Knutsford Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Caroline Marv. younger daughter of Mr Alick E. Mason, formerly of Dischling, Sussex, and now of Darling Point, Sydney, New South Wales, and of the late Mrs Mason. The marriage will take place in Sydney in June.

Sovereign's Parade

The salute at the Sovereign's Parade
The salute at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Acsdemy Sandhurst yesterday was taken by General Sir Jack Harman, the Adjutant General, representing the Queea. One hundred and fiftnen, cadets passed out.
The Sword of Bonour was awarded to Junior Under-Officer Stephen Hughes, of Wrezham, who attended Eirias High School, Colwyn Bay. He is one of 600 cadets who will return to Sandhurst on January 3 for the regular career

The Commendant's Medal, for

WRAC commissions

on Politics. The friend later had to wait until 1963 for a from the Notebook of a Tamed reported that it became a British edition, but in the Cynic. He was kept free of political Bible for Carter (see intervening period none of its cynicism and open to the possibility of change by the control Religion of President force had abated. No clergythat the ethical teaching of Jesus was a simple rule of life; Niebuhr nevertheless held that Niebuhr nevertheless held that group relationships.

Niebuhr nevertheless held that group relationships.

It is easy to see how reading to not for an of love and peace.

Jests—love for all people, and Niebuhr became for Carter complete purity of heart, for a moment of revelation. For example—remained relevant. Niebuhr, and perhaps only Niesuhr's sayings: "It is the possibilities and believed that conflicting strains in his will also know Niebuhr's they applied to us in two ways.

First, they reveal our present compromises for what has a former nuclear sub-they are. It may be necessary marines, successful business they are. It may be necessary marines, successful business they are. It may be necessary marines, successful business of justice by which immediately transcend any achieves they are literally transcend any achieves they are literally in an and ultra-efficient society has integrated its life", of nuclear terror, but no one organizer of political came and be familiar with the should be mader any illusions paigns, Carter knew about the famous prayer that Niebuhr that this is a second best realities of life. Niebuhr composed:

In a fallen world. Second, to have a consistent and integrated changed, chough there is no wtopic and grated Christian world view consistent what should be necessitated by the sin of man showed him how it is possible in a fiellen world. Second, to have a consistent and interchough there is no utopic and grated Christian world view no automatic progress, there that includes the most down to are moments when something earth, even brutal considerational and mineral land. tional and universal love can be realized.

Luncheons

Limcheons
Institution of Highway Engineers
The annual luncheon of the Institution of Highway Engineers took
place yesterday at Grosvener
House. Mr Peter Desvin, president, was in the chair and the
other apealers were Sir Peter
Baldwin, Permanent Scoreary,
Department of Transport, and
Brigadier G. B. Staclair, Commandant, Royal Military School of
Engineering, Chatham.

Metallurgical Plantantians
Federation
Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of
the British Steel-Corporation, was
the principal guest at the annual
luncheon of the Metallurgical
Flantanters Federation held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. MajorGeneral R. S. Broke, president
of the federation and a director
of the Wellman Engineering Corporation Limited, was in the chair.
Among those present were:

poration Limited, was in the chair.

Among those present were:
Lord Peddie, Lord Neison of Stattord,
Sir John & Romain McCatosak,
No David Clark, Forman McCatosak,
No David Limited, MP, Mr Michard
Marshall, NP, Mr Prank Rodler, MP,
Mr David Limited, MP, Mr Michard
Marshall, NP, Mr John Calora, MP,
Mr Trovor Skret, MP, Professor J,
Nutting, Mr H, Darnall, Mr J, Mr
Cdvartis, 1-8: J, Mr

Mrs S. H. Navidl
Mrs S. H. Navidl
Mrs B. Rawhani, chairman, hirs
Anne Wall and Mrs S. H. Navidl
received the guests at a reception
at 27 Rutland Gate held to honour
the celebration of the Gommunity
of Human Rights Day organized
by the local assembly of Rahala's
in the City of Westminster. Mrs
Leonard Pearl was a specier.
Among others present were:
The Est and Complete of Surfered,
Lany Norton, Lady Ayiwan, Dr

Latest appointments 🧸

Latest appointments include: General Sir William Jackson, aged 60, Colonel Commundant, Royal

Engineers, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief Gibraltar in

succession to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy, who completes his term of office in

The following to be honorary

physicians to the Queen for three years: Dr L D. Campbell, Chief Administrative Medical Officer, Lothian Reulth Board, Dr William Ferguson, Area Medical Officer, Humbanda Anna Medical Officer,

Humberside Area Health Authority, 'Dr G. Q. Mayne, Deputy Chief Medical Adviser, Deputy ment of Health and Social Security, Dr W. J. McQuillan, Area Medical Officer, Northampton, (The late Dr R. R. D. Porter, Regional Medical Officer, South East, Thames Regional Health Authority, was also appointed.)

Sir Derek Mitchell, Mr Peter Scott, chairman, Provincial Insur-ance Company, and Mr Geoffrey Seaton Translation

ance Company, and hir centrey Seaton, member, Greater London Council, to be members of the National Theatre Board. Mr A. L. Roberthaw to be direc-tor of the Educational Interchange Council, in succession to hir Harold Raywood.

Receptions

Metallurgical Phaetmakies

Society, which Christian pub- was not so with Niebuhr. pendently of the realities of telligently about the relation-lishers in England would not Extracts from his diary as a the world, its structures and ship between faith and life, prior on the grounds that it young person were later pub- power groupings, only through them. But the claim of love they of making the world constant to the realities of telligently about the relationcontinues to hang over our bility of change by the con-tinual impact of the teaching that at once judges us and of Jesus. Rejecting the idea beckins us forward to fulfil group relationships.

onal and universal love can a realized.

As a person whose life has been changed by Christ, who prays daily and who thinks in-

yesterday evening to mark the launching of the school's 1978

director of the establishment, Mr. W. R. Lord, presided and the guests of honour were Str Robert and Lady Mark.

Retional Society for Clean Air. Sir Brian Flowers, President of the National Society for Clean Air.

was host vesterday et a dinner at Stationers' Hall given to commembrate 25 years since the great London amog of 1952 and the trenty-first anniversary of the Clean Air Act, 1956, Professor P. J. Lawther was the principal

Execter Flotilla
The annual ladies' quest usent disner was held yesterday in the
Officers' Mess, Commando Training Centre, Royal Marinea,

ing Centre, Royal Marines, Lympstone, Lieuteneut-Comman-der A. G. H. Tenniswood, chairma, selcomed the Fieg. Officer. Plymouth and Mrs. J. M.

Today's engagements
Little Angel Martoneffe Theatre,
Dagmar Passage, Cross Street,
Islington: Christmas puppet
show, 3;
Albert Hall, children's carols, 3;
Festival of Carols, 7.30.
National Cat Club championship
show, Olympia, 10.30-5.30.
Geological Mustam, South Kensington, talk on fossils, 2.30.
Walk: Dickens Christmas walk,
meet Embankment station, 2.

The Frince of Wales plants oak tree for Window and Maiden-head silver jubilee tree planting

head silver jubilee tree planting project; Windsor Great Park, 3.39.

The Stables Gallery, Gladstone Park Dollis: Bill Lane, Cricklewood: carols in sid of Save the Children Fund, 3-4.

St Bride's, Fleet Street: St Bride's Choir, Bandel's Messiah, part. 1, 6.30.

New livery companies

Tomorrow

Service dinners

continues to hang over our form a little more nearly to corporate life, as well as our the divine will of love. His individual lives, not simply as stand on human rights, his concern to preserve the world's resources, his desire to achieve big reductions in arms, it, so far as we can, in the his attitude on race, indicate complexities of our own inter- clearly that Carter is prepared clearly that Carter is prepared to take initiatives in the direc-

courage to change what should be and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Richard Harries

Commando Training Centre, Lynostone and Mrs D. L. Balley and the Cinglain of the Com-mando Training Centre, the Rev

Old Alingdonian Cross

Sir George Sinthir, MP, chairman of the governors of Abingmembers of the Old Abingdonian
Club in the House of Commons

Can in the House of Commons

Real and of 3rd Regional Commons Past and present officers of C. D.
J. (Sidi Rezegh) and M. Batteries,
RHA, and of 3rd Regiment, RHA,
were present at their annual reunited dinner in the Royal Artislery
Mess, Woolwich, last night. Field
Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker was
the guest of homour and Lieutenaut-Columel J. C. V. Bles was in
the chair.

Royal Armanest Research and Development Establishment Royal The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Armanent Research and Development Establishment beld a dinner Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, held a dinner yesterday The Royal Regiment of Fusitiers Officers of C Company, 5th (V) Battallon, The Royal Regiment of Pusitiers, held a dinner yesterday evening at the Tower of London. The guests, who were welcomed by Major. C. A. Bewley, officer commanding, and Mrs Rewley, included the Master of the Cordwainers' Company and Mrs P. N. Grice, Major-General P. A. Downward and Lientenant-Colonel J. R. A. Damlel, commanding officer, and Mrs. Damlel.

The Royal Anglian Regiment
Officers of the former Bedfurdshire and Hertfordshire, Essex and
ard East Anglian Regiments dined
at the Naval and Military Club
yesterday evening. Lieutenant,
General Sir Reginald Denning presided.

Reyal Aimy Ordnance Corps
Members of the Royal Army
Ordnance Corps Officers Cirib held
their annual dinner last night at
Headquarters Officers kiess,
Desport, Camberley. The reprezentative colonel commandant,
Major General A. R. Cornock, pre-

25 years ago: From The Ilmes of Wednes Dec 16, 1952

When the Douglas committee recommended that the war-time utility scheme whereby clothing, textiles and furniture made to sotextiles and furniture made to so-called utility specifications were free of purchase tax, should be abandoned they urged that the industries concerned should be encouraged to.. adopt minimum standards of quality. They thought this was of most importance in the case of furniture. As a result the application of the committee's proposals to furniture was delayed at the time of the budget until a new scheme, of furniture. proposals to furniture was delayed at the time of the budget until a new scheme of furniture standards could be evolved. The sevention of a scheme has proved difficult. The Government have decided that further delay is undesirable and the utility scheme is to be revoked from December 15, price courtof removed, and a D scheme instituted. Under the new arrangements purchase tax will fall on a piece of furniture if its price exceeds a certain figure fixed by the Board of Trade as the D level, and will only fall on the amount by which the price exceeds this level. For most top-grade utility furniture this will probably mean no more than a five per centingresse of price.

Two new livery companies have been formed by the City of London Corporation's Court of Aldermen. They are the Launderers' Company, and the Marketon's Company. They will receive lessers patent in March and April, Science report

Climate: Volcanic eruptions

Changes whomes of dist are thrown into the atmosphere when a volcano evapor and it is believed that changes in change may result. Detailed tests of that idea are difficult as reliable information on volcanic eruptions exists for only the past few hundred years. But a Banish scientist has discovered a nettod of measuring the size of individual eruptions fast will provide a record of volcanic activity over the past 16,000 years.

In 1833 the Kraizatu eruptions for the past will provide a record of a year or so that material dispensed around the earth like a dast well and produce atmosphere over a period of a year or so that more the provides a record of eruptions fit should be possible so obtain a record of eruptions in the past two cautiful existence of the conducted by the existence of the conductivity for ice samples over the past two conductivity for ice samples over the past two conductivity at those three heats they conducted by the electrical conductivity for ice samples over the past two con

OBITUARY PROF JOHN H. MR P. A. GIBB WILKINSON -Enzymology wicketkeeper research

Professor John Henry Wilkinson, CBE Professor of Chemical Pathology at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and Consultant Chemical Pathologist to Charing Cross Hospital died on November 29 at the age of

After qualifying first in phar-

macy and later in chemistry he worked for several years for Messrs May and Baker. In 1947 Messrs May and Baker. In 1947
he joined Professor N. F. Maclagan's Department of
Chemical Pathology at the Westminster Hospital Medical School
where he remained for eighteen
years. It was while working at
the Westminster that his
interest in clinical enzymology
anymonead. His researches in commenced. His researches in this subject brought him inter-national recognition and these researches continued up to the time of his death. In 1965 he became head of the William percame head of the William Pepper Laboratories in the University of Pennsylvania where he held the chair in Clinical Chemistry. In 1969 he returned to the United Kingdom to take up the Chair of Chemical Pathology at the Charigg Cross Hospital Medical School which he held until his death.

Heary Wilkinson was the . Vicar of All Saints', Fulham

Henry Wilkinson was the doyen of English clinical enzymology. Among his publications are An Introduction to Diagnostic Enzymology and Isoenzymes, which are in use throughout the world. He was in great demand as a lecturer and adviser at as a lecturer and adviser at home and overseas and received many honours. He was recently appointed C.B.E. He served as president of the Association of Clinical Biochemists, which body in 1974 presented him with the "Wellcome Award". Without his wife, Dorothy, whom he met while working at Westminster, there is little doubt that he could not have schieved the high eminence which he did. Those who worked with him must count themselves

with him must count themselves most fortunate to have been acquainted with this notable. shy, gentleman.

He is survived by his widow, four sons and a daughter.

> DR KEITH PORTER

Dr. Keith Porter, Regional Medical Officer of the South East Thames Regional Health Authority, died on December 5. He was 64. Last month he was appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen.

Keith Ridley Douglas Porter was educated at Monkton Combe School Bath and graduated in medicine and dentistry

ated in medicine and dentistry at Guy's. Hospital just before the lest war. He had a distinguished war record, achieving the rank of lieutenamicolonel, and being twice mentional in dentation. colonel, and being twice men-tioned in despatches. Subse-quently be had a short spell in general practice and then was appointed Deputy Chief Health Officer of the Overseas at the age of 101, was a carro-grapher of long experience and outstanding sid!. The son of a draughtsman,

From 1951 to 1963 he hald senior medical administrative posts in the Oxford and Birmingham Hospital Regions and was Senior Administrative From 1951 to 1963 he held senior medical administrative posts in the Oxford and Birmingham Hospital Regions and was Senior Administrative Medical Officer to the Northern Ireland: Hospitals Authority from 1964 to 1969 and to the South Regional Hospital Board from 1969 to 1973.

Regional Hospital Board from 1969 to 1973.

Re was a member of the convert of the Royal Geographical Society in 1904 and remained there until his retirement in 1945.

Despite the interruptions of the convert of the London School of Hygiebe from 1970 to 1975, primary exploration still in pro-

council of the London School of Hygiebe from 1970 to 1975, of Guy's Hospital Medical School from 1971, of the council of Professions Supplementary to Medicine from 1971 to 1977 and was elected a Fellow of the World Health Organisation in 1963. He was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1972 and was appointed a member of the Court of the University of Kent in 1977.

He was a distinguished figure in the emerging specificity of community medicine and had the highest possible reputation in this field. He had a profound knowledge of medical administration and the practice of medicine and he links devised towards the end had a member of medicine and he links devised towards the end had a member of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of medicine and he links devised towards the end had the figure of the society with much period for the society with much peri

practice of medicine and he Elinks devised towards the end won the confidence and affection of his time as secretary, tion of hundreds of doctors in H. St J. Philby, active in hitherthe health regions in which he to unsurveyed parts of Arabia.

served.
His many interests included a great love for music, and he was an accomplished organist. He is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter.

Hiss Lella Hyans, the former film actress, died on December 7 in Los Angeles at the age of 72. She was born in New York and played in American vaude-ville before going into films. Among the pictures in which she was seen were Our During Daughters: Ruygles of Red Gan Daughters; Ruggles of Red Gap and The Big Broadcast which came out in 1932 and was one of Bing Crosby's early successes. Barbara Mitchell, the comedy actress, who for the past three years has appeared as Vi in the television show, Beryl's Lot, died yesterday. She was 48.

Masse Mimatsu, a Japanese amateur seismo ogist tobo recorded the emergence of a volcano from a wheat field near Lake Toya in the 1940s and bought the 400 metre high mountain, which he named Showa Shinzan, has died in Japan aged 89.

Dr Hya Nestorovich Vekua, Constabulary (formerly Tee-Soviet scientist known for his side Constabulary) 1968-76, esearch in mathematical

Latest wills Residue left for church hall

Dame Elizabeth Lext Manning of Elstree, Labour MP for Epping, 1945-50, left £21,310 net. After a bequest of £4,000 she left the residue to Eatileld Broad Osle Church for a church hall. Other estates include (net, before tax paid ; tax not disclosed) :

Chamberlayne, Miss Eirene Clare, of Hyde Park, London . 5222.041 Heitland, Miss Bergi Constance, of Finsbury Park, London £131,998 Hingworth, Miss Dorothy, of Syston, Leicesterabire . £140,343 Jessel, Lady, of Ashford, wife of Sir Charles Jessel . £120,712 Mackey, Mr Milburu Vincent. of Rochester, intestage . £145,198 Waddington, Mr Thomas Effor Willorship, of Sumaingdale, company director . £284,356 Whiffen, Mr George Goodman, of Ciddesden, Hampsdire . £105,539 Willoughby. Professor Leonard Ashley, of Berkhamsted, professor emerius, and senior fellow fessor emeritus and senior fellow of University College London

Test batsman-Mr Paul Anthony Gibb, who

Yorkshire and won four Cambridge Blues from 1935 to 1933

bridge Blues from 1935 to 1938, his ability being such that S. C. Griffith was excluded from the side. Gibb's first-class debut came for Scotland against the Australians in 1934, and a year later he made 157 not out on his first appearance for Yorkshire. Gibb was twice chosen for England against Australia.

for England against Australia in 1938, but infure and rain prevented him winning his first cap until MCC's that to South Africa in 1938-39, where scores of 93 and 106 on debut at Tables and 106 on debut at Tabl

ohannesburg enitomized that

Gibb placed in Figland's first two Test matches after the

War, against India in 1946, end was chosen abend of Godfrey Frans in 1946-47 for the first lest at Brisbane against Australia. Sibb later played six seasons into-mittently with

seasons intermittently with Esset as a professional, finally retiring in 1956, and he was

then appointed to the first-class

re used a cararan as accommendation, the vehicle becoming a familiar simit on cause grounds. Gibb mured widely with unofficial side, anart from hi: MCC tours. He played in eight Test marches, and in his first-last current several 12.520.

first-class cureer scored 12,570 runs, average 28.07, with 19 hundreds. His highest score was

204 for Cambridge against Pree Foresters in 1938. The same year he carried his bat for 80

not out in an innings of 163 against the Australians, and scored 122 in the University

During the Second World Was Gibb became a Royal Air

Force pilot, flying Catalina and Sunderland troop-ferrying fly-

ing brats. Later, up to the day of his death, he worked as a

MR HENRY F

MILNE

Mr Henry F. Milne, who died recently at his bome in Norfolk

Mine mastered the theory of

period for the society with much primary exploration still in pro-gress. It was the task of Milne and his colleagues to interpret and record field data from a number of important travellers,

between the wars, was perhaps the best known of the travellers

whose work passed through Milne's bands, the well-worn

field-books transformed by his draughting skill into lucid and

elegant maps.
Milne was also closely asso-

ciated with work on the Everest region during the 1920s, and his

chef d'oeuvre was surely the RGS map of part of the area made from air photographs taken ou the Houston-Everest flight of 1933.

After 41 years of daily com-muting from Surrey, Milna (long since a widower) was

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died suddenly on December 8 at the age of 64, was a sound right-handed batsman and wicket-keeper, whose cricket for Cambridge University, Yorkshire. Essex and England matched the studious appearance he imparted by playing in For all his ability, which was considerable and often under-rated, Gibb will possibly be recorded most in cricket history for becoming the first Eluc in modern times to turn professional. He played no first-class cricket after returning from MCC's Australian tour in 1946. 47 until reappearing (for Food) as a paid player in 1951. At that time it caused considerable discussion and under the MCC rules in that era his member-ship was placed in abevance. Gibb was born at Brandsby,

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(long since a widower) was able on retirement to make his home where his heart was at Potter Heigham on the Norfolk Broads. Here he indulged his interest in boats, and henceforth made only rare visits to Lendon. Probably the last was in 1967 when he was made an honorary Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, looking far less than his 90 years as he stepped briskly up to the platform to receive the congratula-Tarington, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1979, 1 Part Line

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form to receive the congratula-tions of the president and the applause of the audience. Mr Ralph Davison OBE, Chief Constable of Cleveland a Soviet scientist known not research in mathematical clied on December 6 at the age of of 63. He was Deputy Lieutenam for Cleveland.

CIRCULAR

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission, who had the

HM Naval Base at Chatham and morating.
Having peen received upon arrival at Chatham Rallway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (the Lord Astor of Hever), His Royal Highness drove to the Naval Base and was received at Medway House by the Port Admiral (Rear Admiral C. M. Royan). and Miss N. Kanayama.
The engagement is amnounced between Stephen, younger aon of Mr and Mrs Arthur Richardson, of Durrington, Sussex, and Nobus, younger daughter of Mrs Hatsughu Kanayama and the late Mr Takelchi Kanayama, of Osaka, Japan. The marringe will take place in Japan in May.

General General J. C. C. Richards.
His Royal Highness was entertained at function in the Officers'

Marriage

Mr S. J. Selwyn and Miss R. L. Miller

Earle, 70 : Sir Clavering Fison, 85 : Lieurenant-General Sir Keunath McLean, 81; Mr Clifford Michel-

Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred

Sir Edward Ashmore, 58; Sir Harold Banwell, 77; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Walter Burrell, 74;

St Stephen's Club
The charman and committee of St
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at their annual Christmas dance

more, 58; Sir Domald Sergent, 71; Sir Eric Scott, 86. POSTAL SHOPPING

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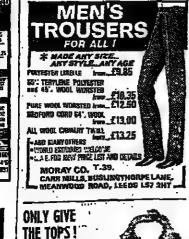
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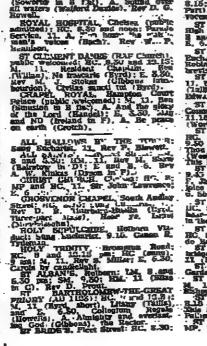
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BUSINESS NEWS



Retailers

metrication

The Retail Consortium announced yesterday that it had agreed to accept the legislative

programme proposed by the Metrication Board for imple-

menting the final stages of met-

rication in the United Kingdom, Retailers have been particu-larly concerned that adequate

time be given to the Depart-ment of Prices for consultation

before the various statutory orders were made. They also

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Bill for North Sea Shortfall of oil development may top £25,000m by mid-1980s

Exploitation of North Sea vil over the next three years will absorb a further £8,000m. Dr J. Dickson Mabon, Minister of State for Energy, said yesterday that offshore expenditure this year would be about £2,500m and the whole North Sea programme between 1972 and 1985

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gramme between 1972 and 1985 could amount to £25,000m.
Dr Mabon, speaking at a lunch in Aberdeen to mark the start of production from the Occidental Group's Claymore field, said that energy expenditure as a whole was expected to be about 3 per cent of gross domestic product to the end of domestic product to the end of 1980 with oil and gas account ing for about half.
This is all very big money;

and there are some very big money; and there are some very big profits to be made also. We hope and expect that the oil companies will be ploughing back some of their profits into Britain, he added. He disclosed that there was great confidence among bankers about the North Sea. "In-assnuch as bankers can ever be

asidd to fight tooth and naul to invest their money, that appears to be exactly what they are doing in the case of the North Sea. I suspect they know something. "This encouraging phenome non can best be summed up in the words of one rueful banker to an official at my department last week. Of oil companies with prospective North Sea development he said: 'times are hard they do not come to are hard, they do not come to us on their knees any more."

Dr Mabon said. The department was in the process of confirm-ing fifth round licences and the sixth round should get under

way next year.

While Dr Mabon was forecasting huge new investments
in the North Sea, Mr. D. de
Bruyne, president of Royal
Dutch Petroleum and a managing director of the Royal
Dutch Shell group, said that
Shell's capital expenditure next
year would rise by a third to
£1,600m.
Oil and gas production would

year would rise by a third to £1,600m.

Oil and gas production would again take the largest alice-close to £750m. Threequarters of this would go into North Sea projects, mainly the British sector where the new Dunlin field—the third to come on stream for the Shell-Esso partnership—should start up in the second quarter of next year.

New oil and gas developments would also come on stream during 1978 in the Norwegian and Dutch sectors of the North Sea. By 1982 Shell's share of output there was expected to be more than 500,000 barrels a day of oil and gas liquids and about 1,100 million cubic feet a day of natural gas.

The long-delayed liquid natural gas (LNG) export scheme for Sarawak was again moving forward, Mr de Bruyne said. Shell and Mitsubishi each bave a 17.5 per cent interest in the project with the remainder held by Petronas, the Malaysian state oil company:

The estimated cost of the project, including five LNG ships which have already been

us on their knees any more." project, including five LNG
Up to six new offield ships which have already been
developments could be announ- ordered, is \$2,400m

Elliott Group confirms loss of £54m Saudi orders

By Michael Prest way is attributed to the costs
Orders worth £54m from of the abortive Saudi Arabian
Saudi Arabia, which Elliott venture and to depreciation on Group of Peterborough repor-and it had man in August have ted it had won in August, have definitely fallen through and houses, and comprised eight letters of intent signed by the company has reported a first-half loss of £248.000. The first-half dividend has been bested of Elliott, with the understanding that the Saudia would be also for hotels and both the saudia would be a supplied to the saudia would be said to be said of Elliott, with the understanding that the Saudia would be said to said to said the saudia would be said to said to said the saudia was for hotels and houses, and comprised eight letters of intent signed by the saudia was for hotels and houses, and comprised eight letters of intent signed by the company has reported a signed by the said houses, and comprised eight letters of intent signed by the company has reported a signed by the company has reported by the company has repor

Mr E, L. V. Smeeth, chair-man of the company, said yes-terday that his decision to sell about 200,000 Elliott shares for about £78,000 after the announcement of the big Saudi order and before October's clarification that the orders might not be forthcoming, was the result of pressure from his bank to reduce his overdraft. Elliott genuinely believed that the orders would go through, the orders would Mr Smeeth said.

This loss is concentrated in the Elliott Medway Construct trati tion part of the group. The other two divisions—Sharp Brothers and Knight, a joinery company, and Medway Wharfingers—are profitable.

The bulk of the loss at Med-

Director leaves

boardroom split

Mr H. M. Newton-Clare has

trading and processing concern,

amid mounting evidence of a fundamental boardroom split

on commercial policy.

The split has developed at a

dme when trading conditions

for the company, which is 72 per cent controlled by the NFU Development Trust, have be-

come increasingly difficult, and a big fall in profit is expected to be reported shortly.

Mr Newton-Clair was brought in last year to run the product division, and his dispute with the remainder of the board

centres on the board's refusal

to take actions suggested by him to improve the commercial

He said last night that dis-

How the markets moved

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On other pages

Pinancial news

Sterling gained 23 points to \$1.8295. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.5.

agreement was over steps, such as plant closures and the tighening of contracts.

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raise helf the value of the con-tracts from their government; But the letters of credit were not provided though Mr Smeet insisted that this was not fully clear outil " mid-October "...

Partly because of the fallure of the Saudi deal, Mr Norbury's contract was not renewed and his resignation was announced on September 21.

Between March 31 and Decem Between March 31 and Decem-ber 9, Mr Smeeth reduced his holding from 524,633 shares to 189,633. The buik, of the dis-posal was made through stock-brokers Sheppards and Chase at an average price of 39p, before the October announce-ment that the orders might not materialize. The shares closed last night 5p down at 14p.

Prospects for Eritain to play

an active role in developing the

Chinese steel industry, coupled

with warnings of a pruning in

the British Steel Corporation's

investment programme, were

spelt out yesterday by Sir

Charles Villiers, the corpora-

He revealed that firm propo-

sals have been made to the

Chinese government for the

BSC, the British Independent

Steel Producers Association and

United Kingdom steel plant makers, to provide a three part

This would mean the supply

and installation of steelmaking equipment in China by Britain

and other EEC plant makers,

negotiation on advanced tech-

Oil Exploration 8p to 322p Pukington Bros 7p to 490p

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Standard Chart 8p to 450p
Vita-Tex 8p to 45p

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Commodifies: Reuter's Index was at 1443.3 (previous 1440.5). Reports pages 19 and 20

5p to 73p 10p to 410p

9p to 168p 12p to 250p 16p to 156p

SA Land Schroders

Gold lost \$2.50 an ounce to S133.875.

SDR-S was 1.19227 on Friday. while SDR-E was 0.651834.

Equities held firm.

Gilt-edged securities rose on cheaper money hopes.

Dollar premium 93.5 per cent (effective rate 35.45 per cent).

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nology by the United Kingdom, amount to at least £500m.

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package

£700m on PSBR indicated

The Government borrowed f1.075m in November, which suggests that the total public sector borrowing requirement will be at most f6,800m during

mare of f7.500m.

The gap between the official forecast and the likely out-turn is almost entirely explained by the deliberare disingenuousness of the Treasury, since the official estimate of the public borrowing need assumes that earnings will rise by 10 per cent during the earnings year which started in August.

The secret assumption of the Treasury, which underlies the forecasts presented to ministers, but which has not been officially revealed to the rest of the country, is that earnings will rise by around 15 per cent during the current round, and lead to a larger increase in tax revenue.

Most of the gap between the forecast made in the April Budget and the actual out-turn reflects large errors made in the forecasting of the Inland Revenue and the Customs and Excise.

within Whitehall because of their continuing failure to produce correct estimates of their likely revenue during the year.

Many Treasury officials blame the departments for the very large error in astimation of the total public borrowing requirement which has exposed the Treasury to widespread ridicule during this financial year.

The government forecast of total public sector borrowing during the financial year which began in April, 1977, is likely to be between 30 per cent and 40 per cent wide of the mark, which may have led to incorrect judgments about the stonewhich may have led to incorrect judgments about the account strategy to be pursued. In the period to the end of November, the total public sector deficit on the Consolidated Fund was £3,101m, compared with £4,405m during the same period last year.

This led to a central government borrowing requirement oversid of £3,061m compared with £4,497m in fiscal 1976, During November alone, the

ing November alone, the borrowing need of £1,075m compared with a borrowing need of £2,075m compared with a borrowing need of £548m in November last year.

The Treesury's forecast for total public borrowing although bad, is not quite as ewful as is \$20.7m (about £11.3m) dispute

The gap is made worse by the attempt to persuade people that the Treasury expects carning to rise at an annual rate of around 10 per cent, when the much is that the expectation is that earnings, will go up by around 15 per cent.

Teesside assurances on Polish vessels

Mr George Parker, managing director of Smith's Dock, Tresside, said yesterday that the necessary assurances had been company's South Bank yard on the construction of two Polish bulk carriers assigned from of pharmaceuticals by Aronson Swan Hunter's Typeside yard to a Yugoslay state agency

in three-part deal to increase output

China seeks British steel industry help

and in increasing amounts.

and sales of steel products by BSC and other British steel-makers on a continuing basis

sind in increasing amounts.
Sir Charles, who was addressing the amount kincheon of the Metallurgical Plantmakers Pederation in London, said that it was established during his recent visit to China that there were plans to increase Chinese

steelmaking capacity from 25

million tonnes a year to 100 million tonnes a year by the end of this century.

Mr Li Chang, the Chinese Minister for Foreign Trade had agreed to send a trade mission next year to the United King-dom, to discuss the possibili-

But the corporation chair-man is faced with considerable

difficulties in the short and medium term at home with losses this year expected to

Dollar buoyed by hope of support

Hope that the authorities were committed to action to protect the dollar, combined with belief that technical factors would act to help it, combined to raise its

would act to help it, combined to raise its value yesterday.

At the close of business it stood at a trade-weighted depreciation from 1971 of 3.51 per cent compared to 3.74 per cent at the close of business on Thursday.

It was hoped that the meeting of Finance Ministers last weekend, combined with the meeting on Monday of central bank governors in Basle, would lead to joint action to prop up the dollar, and this played a part in its revival. But monetary sources suggested that indicamonetary sources suggested that indica-tions of international intervention to keep

rency were premature.

Instead, they suggested, much of the meeting in Paris last weekend was devoted to a discussion of the general economic problems facing the West, in particular the problems posed by Japanese trading practices.

tices.
It is believed that the European finance

Hanson to

merge US

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company.

Hanson purchased the Hygrede centern, one of the largest meat processors and packers in the United States, in 1976 to complement its first foray into America through the Seacoast asimal feeds and edible oil group.

Full year figures published this week showed that Hygrade contributed 56.3m to the group's f15m pretax profits from the United States.

verein. Austria's biggest bank.

and a banking consortium led by Singer & Friedlander has

been arrested in Amsterdam.
Mr A. M. Arooson, a Durchman, who was involved in a
complicated pharmaceuticals
deal financed by letters of
credit which Creditanstalt sub-

sequently refused to honour, has been charged with fraud of

57m guilders (over £13m).

The legal dispute between the

banks has been dragging on for about two years, and its our-come is regarded as of central importance to the future con-duct of trade finance through

letters of credit.
The deal concerned the sale

Sir Charles dropped some heavy hints about the likely shape of the corporation's for-

shape of the corporation's for-ward investment programme." To carry on how building

great steelmaking cathedrals; piling up pyramids of ore and coke and warehouses full of-coal, plates, sections, billets; blooms and slabs would be a

great folly, which anyway-no-one could afford", he said.

While he suggested that he

did not believe any government would bring the BSC's invest-ment plan to a halt, he was un-

certain how the corporation would proceed with big invest-ment schemes of hundreds of

millions of pounds.

ministers, including Mr Healey, warned the United States of the need to take a tough line with Japan in forthcoming

talks on trade questions.

The dollar's weakness in international currency markets has been caused by America's continuing current account deficit—estimated by the OECD to be around \$18,000m this year and \$21,000m in 1978—much of which is accounted for by hé expected Japanese surplus of \$10,000m in both years. Peter Norman writes from Bonn: Dr

Otmar Emminger, president of the West German federal bank, yesterday briefed the "economic cabinet" in Bonn about the recent weakness of the dollar and the present situation on foreign exchange markets. Herr Klaus Bölling, the Government

pokesman, told a press conference that Dr Emminger's report was analytical and did not contain proposals for dealing with the dollar's recent weakness.

Well-informed sources in Boun later reported that Dr Emminger's briefing was lengthy. But apparently he did not refer

at any time to the meeting of western central bankers set for Monday in Basle. There is speculation in Germany and Switzerland that the Basle meeting may produce some sort of decision or statement designed to support the dollar.

Banking sources also expect that next Thursday's meeting of the federal bank council in Frankfurt will decide to cut bank rate by half a percentage point from the current level of 3.5 per cent and fix a fairly generous money supply target for 1978 of perhaps an 8 per cent increase in central bank money stock.

It emerged that Dr Emminger and Dr Arthur Burns, cheirman, of the United States Federal Reserve System, also took part in the Paris meeting last weekend, but no details were disclosed about their Although the Deutschemark was again

Atthough the Deutschemark was ogning strong against the other members of the European currency snake yesterday, a Bonn Finance Ministry spokesman said there were no special meetings planned this weekend to discuss the snake or any possible changes in the joint float system.

wanted as far as possible a three-year period between an order for weighted out food-stuffs and its implementation Agreement on these and other points was reached after lengthy and detailed discussions and the Metrication Board.

weighed out foodstuffs is con-cerned, the consortium expects that metrication should be com-pleted by the end of 1981. This however is dependent on weighing scale manufacturers keening to the conversion time-

Union link-up could bring clash in TUC

The Engineers' and Managers' Association, which has been pursuing a strong expansionist policy for more members under Mr John Lyons, its general secretary, yesterday merged with the Shipbuilding and Aliied Industries Management Association (SATMA) ment Association (SAIMA).
It could bring an immediate

clash involving other TUC affiliated unions which, unlike EMA, are affiliated to the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions

(CSEU).
Earlier this year the TUC Earlier this year the TOC ruled that proliferation of unions within aerospace and shipbuilding should be avoided and organizing of staff grades such as professional engineers should be restricted to CSEU-affiliates.

Japan's output growth tumbles to 0.5pc

Japan's output growth fell to 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, compared with 1.7 per cent in the previous quarter and 2.1 per cent in the first quarter of 1977, the Economic Planning Agency said yesterday in its preliminary report. Actual growth rates of private housing investment and sovhousing investment and gov-erument capital formation proved smaller than earlier estimated, contributing to the downward revision

Prices panel to study rise in glass ingredient

A proposed price increase of sodium carbonate, or soda ash, a major constituent in glass-making and a commodity of which Imperial Chemical Industries holds a total production monopoly in Britain, is being investigated by the Price being investigated by the Price

Commission.
ICI, which has raised soda ash prices twice this year al-ready, by 5.3 per cent and 6.9 per cent, is asking the commis-sion to agree to an interim price increase while the investigation

the current financial year, com-pared with a published esti-mate of £7.500m. up the parity of the United States cur-rency were premature.

Both departments have come under severe internal criticism within Whitehall because of

Fresh £900m tap stock launched as heavy gilts demand continues By John Whitmore Pinance Correspondent Continuing buoyant demand weeks of market nerves and stagnation has produced a self-feeding revival in market con-

The authorities will now be keen to make the most of this reviving confidence and the fact that the institutions should be enjoying a strong cash flow: around the end of the year.

Their first move has been

the announcement of the offer of a new short-dated stock, in issue of £900m Exchequer 8; per cent 1981. At the offer price of £96; per cent, the running yield is 8.53 per cent

and the gross redemption yield 9.36 per cent.

As with a number of other stocks recently, £100m nominal of the stock is being reserved for the commissioners for the

To a further important development of its American interests, Hanson Trust has agreed in principle to merge its Hygrade Food Products subsidiary in the United States with Bluebird Incorporated Combined sales for the two companies are running at some \$916m (about £508m) a year and ner earnings are \$11.4m. Profinability of the two groups is broadly similar, although Hygrade's turnover is almost a quarter more than Bluebird's at Continuing buoyant demand for gilt edged stock yesterday led to the exhaustion of the Government's long-dated "rap" stock and the announcement of a new £900m short-dated stock. Exhaustion of the long-dated "rap" Treasury '10 per cent 1992, means that the authorities sold just about all the £600m nominal of stock in a matter of only four days. Because they had to cut the selling price sharply, however, net proceeds from the sale of the stock were probably little more than £540m. quarter more than Bluebird's at quarter more than Bluebird's at around \$505m.

Terms of the deal have yet to be settled and the negotiations could take some months to be fully worked out, but the merger will be affected through su exchange of shares, which will give each company as 50, where court exchange in the new are set of the new are set of

Together with estimated sales of up to £200 m of the short-dated "tap", Tressury 8; per cent 1982, which was exhausted on Wednesday morning, the

on Wednesday morning, the authorities appear to have sold stock to the value of up to 15750m this week. In fact, net sales may well. Application lists open and be substantially lower than this as many brokers feel that the authorities have been facilitating switches out of existing stocks, into the most recent latues.

Even if this has been the case, however, the fact that the authorities have been able to restart their funding programme on a significant scale of the commissioners for the authorities for the commissioners for the national debt, leaving 1800m nominal of stock its be offered to the public. Application lists open and close next Thursday. How strong demand for the stock will be then depend largely on events next week. Wednesday, for instance, sees publication of the November trade figures. In addition, there are their funding programme on a significant scale for the commissioners for the national debt, leaving 1800m nominal of stock to be offered to the public. How strong demand for the stock will be then depend largely on events next week. Wednesday, for instance, sees publication of the November trade figures. In addition, there are their funding programme on a significant scale to the public.

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9 pc mortgages likely next month

cut immediately, but it is almost certain that the Building Societies Association will recommend a modest reduction in both the mortgage and the investment rate when it next meets on January 13.

As pressure on societies to cut interest rates grows the indications are that the investment rate will be lowered from 6 per cent to 53 per cent (still offering a gross return of 8.71 per cent), and the mortgage rate trimmed from its present level of 91 per cent to 9 par

Earlier hopes that the BSA Council would announce the cut after yesterday's meeting had been dashed when minimum lending rate jumped two points

No Leyland aid

until corporate

The Government has made

clear it does not expect further

tranches of public funds to be

loaned to British Leyland until

ministers have studied the com-

pany's revised corporate plan,

not expected until the new year.

Commons approval in July for

the injection of a further £100m

was followed by the National

Enterprise Board agreeing to

the company using half for current expenditure and not, as

envisaged, for capital invest-

The remaining £50m has no

been released by the NEB, which has been told by Mr Varley, Secretary of State fer

satisfied progress was being maintained in industrial rela-

Industry, that it must

plan revealed

By Edward Townsend

By Margaret Stone last month, but despite this slightly down at £554m comthere was quite a strong lobby pared with the record of £590m
from no particular sector of the in October, and after one week
cut immediately, but it is
almost certain that the Building
Societies Association will recomSocieties Association will recom-

The two-thirds majority for the cuts did not materialize so the cuts did not materialize so
the traditionally cautious view
prevailed, despite the continuing big inflow of funds into
societies and the real fears that
house prices will rise, fuelled by
the weight of money moving
into the marker.

The joint advisory committee, the regular forum for building the regular forum for building society leaders and government officials, meets on January 5, and there is little doubt that by then the societies will be under strong and more overt pressure from Whitehall to trim their rates in order to reduce the net intake.

poorer month because of Christmas and fewer working days, will be only a little down on November

January is always one of the best months for societies because of the high level of re-iovested interest credited to accounts. ' . In November 5746m was lent

to bousebuyers and a further to bousebuyers and a further t795m promised, both records. At the same time the movement's liquidity, at 25.75 per cent, is also running extremely

Inder strong—and more overt pressure from Whitehall to the inter rates in order to bills the movement faces, but will still leave it awash with money both to lend or invest.

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"What is quite clear is that we must get on with lots and lots of tiny schemes—anything up to £2m a time—which are quickly done and highly tions reform before doing so.

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Distillers price warning

against local spirits merely on the basis of price.

The big whisky producers maintain that exclusive dealers are needed to hold stocks and maintain continuity of supply. They argue that the development of the market for Scorch is at quite a different stage in the EEC than it is in Evitain where it is the biggest-selling

The attention of the EEC British market. . was drawn to the dual pricing system by attempts made this summer to stop unauthorized wholesalers buying at the lower prices and exporting it on an a year.

wholesalers complained to the Commission under article 85 of the Treaty of Rome which prohibits agreements which "have as their object or effect the

prevention, restriction or distortion of competition ". After examination the REC's Competition Department and its Consultative Committee on Restrictive Practices decided by a large majority to take action against DCL. Its recommende tion is expected to be put to the Commission before Christmas There is also little doubt at the Commission that Teacher's

will also be found guilty under DCL, and it cannot get the necessary authorization to raise the United Kingdom net price, one choice would be to with-draw the brands from the

The company could appeal to the EEC Court of Justice in Luxembourg, a process which would probably take more than

Scotch whisky faces fierce competition from locally-produced soirts in many continental countries. DCL argues that it also has to face discriminatory taxation and other legis-lation in countries such as France, Italy and Denmark, As a result, distributors have to offer other advantages in order to win sales since it is impussible for Scotch to compete

Grouse

A central theme of the recent Consumer Credit Act is the entitlement of consumers to information to enable them to choose credit rationally.

By requiring credit institutions to publish " true " rates of interest there is no doubt that much of the fogginess surrounding the difference between published rates of interest (which conveniently ignored in the past the fact that the outstanding balance fell as regular instalments were paid) and what the consumer actually had to pay has been cleared up.

There are, however, still some blurred edges which make it all the more difficult for the consumer to reach that "rational decision". One of these comes in the bank credit cards. Access and Barclaycard, where until rates diverged last month there appeared to be no difference in the cost of credit between the two.

A reader, Mr F. Hipkiss from Birmingham, writes to say that most cardholders would have assumed the bases used to calculate interest charges would have heen the same whereas in fact Barclaycard credit works out rather cheaper.

The advantage swings away from Barclaycard, it is true, when cash advances on the cards come into the reckoning since here. Access allows full use of the free credit period while Barclaycard users have to pay a 21 per commission straight-

Short of what even Access admits to be a very complicated sum, however, there is no way that customers can work out what the difference is. Hardly in keeping with the spirit of the Consumer Credit Act. Taxation: readers ask

On capital gains tax a reader writes: "I was non-resident for United Kingdom tax purposes for many years while resident in the United States and while there bought a number of securities. I returned to England on retirement two years ago and recently sold some American strares. Sales were at a profit. Am I correct in thinking the tax authorities will not charge me to capital gains

Unfortunately the place of residence at the time of acquisition is arrelevant. The rule is ther a charge to capital gains tex arises if the individual is resident or ordinarily resident in this country during the tax year in which the sale is made.

• The next inquire concerns an article I wrote on prepar-ing the annual tox return and the reader refers to the National Insurance retirement pension for the year ended April 5, 1977, which has to be included

in the nex return 1977-78.

He comments: "So one would assume that the 1977-78 assessment would be based on the 1976-77 figure. Not so states
HM Inspector of Taxes. The
1976-77 figure will be ignored
and a notice of assessment will
be issued based on an estimated 1977-78 figure. Then, when details of that figure are known, a revised assessment notice will be essued. Is this correct?"

The rax office is quite right.
One of the confusing things about our annual tax return is that alchough all income of the preceding year has to be entered in it not all of it is assessable on a preceding year basis. Certain types of income are taxable on the actual amount arising in the year end this is the case with pensions.

A reader writes from abroad: "From less April's budget I was given to understand that: employees working abroad were ensibled to a certain measure of tax relief on their earnings, namely 25 per cent for 30 days work overseas and 100 per cent if 365 days or more. Yet despite this the Inland Revenue have

This week I look at another batch of readers' letters. **Overseas**

earnings • Who gets the child allowance?



remaining resident for income

tax purposes as my salary is continuing to be paid from the United Kingdom.

The 25 per cent and 100 per cent deductions can be claimed even though one is technically resident in the United Kingdom and the color is resident. and the salary is paid here. Non-residence is quite 'a separate matter and does not affect the working overseas re-liefs—its advantage is that any unearned income arising abroad escapes United Kingdom tax. The difficulty of obtaining the child allowance for the custody of younger brothers and sisters is the 'complaint of a reader who successfully claimed it for the years 1972-73 to 1975-76 during the absence of his father abroad. On father's return to the United Kingdom, however, the tax office said that the children were deemed to be in the parent's custody and control. For the year 1976-77

this is disadvantageous from a tax point of view because the

father was not employed in that course under the government's training scheme

The render asks whether he should persist in his claim for the child allowance for the year his father was unemployed as my property and I was respons-ible for their clothing, transport to school, and the like—in effect maintaining them.". Section 10 of the Taxes Act 1970 states that the claimant is entitled to the child allowance is he promote allow that the child

if he proves either that the child is his own or that for the year of assessment "he has the custody of, and maintains at his

Section 11 tells us that where

make the claim for 1976-77 (if not it would be a good idea for the father to inform the tax office in writing) and the reader should certainly persist in his claim as I see no reason why the tax office should refuse him the child allowance

In my last readers ask column I made the general point in comparing child allowance and child benefit that the latter atmomatically ceases when the child reaches the age of 19. Another reader has written to say that in his family's case the child benefit was withdrawn at a women one when their

the child benefit was withdrawn at a younger age when their child went to university.

Sorry I did not at that time develop the point further, but yes, this will be so because the child benefit is given for children under the age of 16 or under 19 if still at school or coilege full time. Unfortunately this does not include children on a degree or other advanced course.

Vera Di Palma

Cover for legal battles

For an insurer, introducing a are letting the existing insurers comprehensive terms, and so do new kind of insurance is seldom carry out the spadework and not need that insurance to the a licence to print money. In act, most new forms of cover fall by the wayside. It is unlikely that legal expenses insur-ance will suffer that fare; but it has had its problems, especi-ally with policies for individuals and families.

This insurance (to cover egal expenses of disputes with individuals or organizations) can be useful since so many people are ineligible for legal aid but cannot afford, from their own resources, to 30 to

een written for a long time on the Continent. It was not until the Criminal Law Act 1967 abolished the crime and turn of "maintenance" that it could be offered in this country.

First in the field was a policy inderwritten at Lloyd's in 1974 and sold by Strover and Com-pany, a firm of brokers. At that party, a firm of Lloyd's brokens which had been working along rather similar lines decided to withdraw.

A year later, in 1975, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Legal Expenses Insurance started offering legal expenses insurance. The company is insurance. The company is owned jointly by Phoenix Assur-ance and Demscher Automobil Schutz, Munich, Europe's larg-est specialist legal expenses

Since them many British in-surers have looked closely at the subject but have not en-tered the field. No doubt they



which in a more confident phase would have brought a positive response, made little impact on the London stock market this week.

Dealers preferred to take their cue from the fortunes of

some of the leading industrial companies hargely ignoring better news on inflation, the balance of payments, government borrowing and the trouble-

some money supply.

Thursday's meeting of the miners' union executive—an event which many had seen as a likely pointer to a winter of industrial strife—passed with the second se

only a muted response. The decision to observe the 12

month rule on pay was followed by a small mark-up of share prices but even that quickly fizzled out through lack of

However, equities did well to maintain their consolidation on

minimum amount of business

a minimum amount of business and over the five sessions the PT index field just 1.8 to last night's close of 485.9.

Though the week began, with one of the quietest days of the year the lowest monthly rise in wholesale prices for 4½ years enabled both equities and gilts to hold on to early rises.

But on the industrial pitches this mood was quickly shattered the following day by a gloomy survey of profitability and future prospects from

and future prospects from EMI, a constituent of the FT

Round-up

meet the initial teething problems", being ready to enter the fray if it looks as though this type of insurance can be a viable proposition.

So far there is one important variation in the approach of the scheme has the drawback (from a policyholder's point of view) that one has to contribute from one's own resources 10 per cent of the cost of the legal expenses incurred (or £10 if greater), recovering only the balance from underwriters.

the other hand DAS settles claims in full. It is not surprising, therefore, that the legal costs paid by the com-pany sometimes have exceeded the amounts recovered.

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No doubt policyholders have been working on the principle that they have paid their premiums and expect to be able to make claims even for trivial incidents.

As might be expected in-surers have had "selection" exercised against them—in that it is mainly those who feel they are most likely to need this form of protection (or who are most likely to take advantage of it) who have exranged to

buve it.

Understandably personal cover was the first to be introduced. Now, a specialist company such as DAS sees its main scope for expansion in the commercial field, where the sees the second of the commercial field. s not the same degree of selection. In some cases companies ere arranging to be quite clear that their resources are sufficient to meet legal expenses as and when they may

The growth of legal expenses insurance on the Continent (a four hundred-fold increase in Germany over 27 years) is not necessarily a guide to the popularity which can be expected in this country as, until a few years and, 90 per cent of German legal expenses insurance related to motor risks.

Only about 20 per cent of motorists in Germany have comprehensive motor cover.

Many therefore too my their Many, therefore, top up their third-party policies with legal expenses insurance so that they can pursue a claim against the other moments where they feel a collision was caused as a

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Industrial Ordinary

Index. Nor did surprisingly good figures from GEC mollify

reverse. This remained the pet-tern for the rest of the week. Government stocks, mean-

while, were performing rather better with pointers to single-figure inflation next year and signs that the money supply was again coming under control inspiring a selective demand

demand.

At this point the Government Broker decided the time was right to reactivere the long tap and the buying carried over to Wednesday when its shorter counterpart was

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Market unsettled by company news

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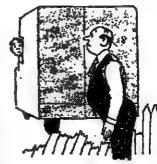
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be useful for recovering un-insured losses, such as the amount of an excess under a comprehensive policy (which, in turn, may mean the saving of no-claim discount at re-

At some stage, almost certainly, legal expenses insurance will be available as an optional extra (or as part of the basic cover) under a household policy. There are, however, problems for insurers not least of which is that the average insurance worker handling claims is inexperienced in this type of business.

Presently, a family general and consumer protection policy from DAS costs £9.50 (although the premium can be expected to rise before long), and if cover in respect of motoring is required an extra £12.50 is

Here are some of the claims



against contractors who damaged his garden feace; the smount in dispute was £19. Solicitors were instructed to act on his behalf. Proceedings were issued and the full amount of the claim against the contractors was recovered with fixed costs of £1.50. The solicitors' charges of £20 were met by the

In another case an estate agent was instructed to sell a property. Due to his negligence he falled to secure the best offer. DAS appointed solicitors to take action resulting in the result of his negligence.

In this country the majority of motorists are insured on reduced to a quarter of the

Comment

Profits slump 33

Lower profits and dividend

demand

Figures

market

per cent Chart sell

ever, did not help the shorter end of the market where dealers feared that a replace-ment tap would be sunousced later in the week.



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original charge. The solicitors' charges and disbursements,

In some cases, the fact that the other side knows an indivi-dual is insured and has the financial muscle to go to court can bring results. For instance, a policyholder bought a sailing dinghy from a boatbuilding firm. It was soon found to be defective, but the owner failed to secure satisfaction despite a lengthy correspondence. Then called in. After several letters and conversations with the suppliers the company secured full reimbursement of the cost of

A neighbour complained that a policyholder's dog was a nuisanca. The neighbour threatened legal action. That, presumably, was a try-on because solicitors were appointed who denied llability. No further action was taken and the matter was closed. The solicitors' fees of £10 were paid by the insurers.

Most householders trouble at some stage with builders or contractors. As an example of how legal expenses insurance can heip: a policy-holder had a dispute with heuting contractors who had installed his central heating, alleging that the work had not been completed properly and was of a poor standard. Solicitors were appointed and the ourcome was an allowance of £30 by the heating contrac-

John Drummond

tors. It was as well that the solicitors' fees were covered by insurance; they amounted to

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Following the deterioration in share prices on Wali Street over the past year, opinion is now divided as to whether economic considerations could lead to a further weakening in the market or whether the present level of share prices has created excellent buying opportunities.

The most recent factors supporting the: pessimistic view are concern over the money supply, fear of higher interest rates and the weakening of the US dollar, resulting mainly from the balance of payments deficit.

While no one can doubt the significance of these factors, more optimistic observers would argue that they have already been largely discounted in the present level of share prices. On a historical basis, shares are selling at very low levels in relation to companies' underlying assets and earnings. Supporters of the market at current levels are also encouraged by the reduction in the yield gap between fixed-interest investments and equities and, on the broader economic front, by forecasts of 3-4% economic growth in 1978; this must be considered very satisfactory compared to that of other major world

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Chieftain tries for an investment trust The most interesting event of tinuation of the week has certainly been management, the offer by the Chiefrain unit more assets n

trust group to persuade the shareholders in Second Broad-The scheme's advancages are

that it bypasses many of the nastier tax problems that would normally face dissident share-holders who might be searching around for any alternative to the long-term prospect of what count on esset value. It seems as though neither individual nor corporate capital gains tax will be levied.

Chieftain does not have the assent of the board of the Second Broadmount board who both directly and indirectly through certain trusts, influence a third of the trust's shares, so clearly it is a long shot. How-ever, there is little doubt in anyone's mind—other than the anyone's mina—other than the most die-hard of investment trust maangers—that some solu-tion has to be found to the problem of over-capitalization problem of over-capitalization which plagues the industry Th bid from Chieftam should please most of the people most of the time. Shareholders are being offered a tax-efficient way of acquiring a realistic price for their assets or, if they stay with the new unit trust, a con-

more assets nder management for a relatively small outlay. Elderly shareholders, bearing in mount investment trust commind capital transfer tax, pany to opt first for voluntary should, of course, dispose of liquidation followed by the their assets before any upgrad-simultaneous offer of units in a new Chieftain unit trust to re-Unit trust advisory services are emerging fast and furious. Manchester stockbrokers Henry

Cooke Lumsden have announ unitholders and this week. In vestment Research, the Camcounselling firm, have written to remain me of their hitherto unknown free unit trust port-

The new insurance broking sub-sidiary of commodity brokers M. L. Doxford might not reise a mention in normal circum-stances but who can resist Paul Jennings Cautionary Verses passions expolling the services of insurance brokers which is Doxford's substitute for the conventional introductory book-let. Herrick on school fees. Tormas Hood on mortgages and Orden Nash on permanent alth insurance,

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unusually large number small speculative stocks making, small speculative stocks making, at timees, spectacular gains on hopes of a takeover. One of the best-known names was the Bibby foods group which continued to be supported in spite of a takeover denial. Shares of the group, where Tiger Oats has a sizable stake, rose 9b to 1990. rose 9p to 199p.

Fine art group Spink & Son dipped 26p to 287p when it was learned that talks with an un-

announced later in the week.

On Monday the market moves into the three-week account covering Christmas. Though little increase in the overall level of business is expected the onset of the "share tipping season" and the adjustment of institutional named suitor had been called off
In a week in which the call
on the BP partly paid shares
fell due, both old and new
shares were hit by the weak
ness of Wall Street. The old
shares lost 15p to 865p while
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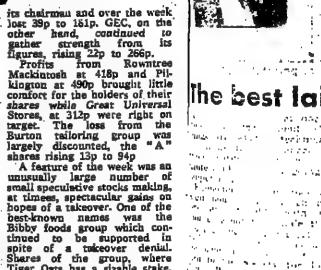
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Teaching youngsters to save wisely

Many readers may feel that over £116 that the child inder Although you can cash, them able any time). In the case of sithity. A parent can start one having large sums of cash to 18 receives in unearned in any time, certificates, are children under seven interest on behalf of a child. From the designed for a four-year invest-payments are automatically age of eight or nine most future benefit is no problem at

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the certificates life. The current issue yields (over the four investments to recommend to fortunate

A classic case is where a relative gives a child a sum of (£945 at present) the simplest money following good examinotion results. Or perhaps he or she comes into a small paid gross, that is, without tax inheritance, say a few hundred pounds, in someone's will.

Building society share accounts are the interest in the paid gross, that is, without tax inheritance, say a few hundred pounds, in someone's will.

Building society share accounts are the personal allowance relative to the personal What should be done with the

noney? If the child has an overwhelming interest in some ing investor. With all other sport or pastime that involves forms of investment you can a fair amount of capital reclaim the tax but there is a fair amount of capital expenditure then at least part of the sum can be fruitfully employed immediately.
But shouldn't one use

encourage children to save. They can learn financial dis-cipline from the possession and use of their own account book and glean something of the concept of saving and in-vestment. The subject always reminds me of a cartoon

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But the amount of a child's value at least, for eventual use, investment income can affect National Savings certificates investment income can affect National Savings certificates the parents' own child tax can be bought in a child's allowance, which this year is name at any Post Office or reduced by £1 for every £1 bank in multiples of £5.

have annual incomes below the level of the personal allowance paid gross; that is, without tax deducted at source.

Building society share accounts are tax paid by the

society and the tax cannot be recovered by the non-tax paystill the administrative incon-venience for parents and children.

Tax free investments mean exactly that—no tax is payable on the income. But the yields reflect this privilege which is irrelevant to the non-taxpayer and a higher peturn can eften be found elsewhere, However, where the child's investment income stands to be lumped with the parents a "tax free " investment can be ideal, since

reminds me of a cartoon depicting drop-out son and businessman father. "Iesus saves" exclaims the fringe cultist. "At what rate of interest?" inquires his dad.

In recommending investments to children there are a number of fiscal considerations. First, any returns from capital supplied by the parents are, except for the first 5.5, taxable as the parents own investment income.

In every other instance, children's income is regarded as their own. They can claim the full personal tax allowance. But the amount of a child's value at least, for eventual use.

years) a compound rate of 7.59 per cent a year. East £1 unit will reach a ratue of £134 in

recommended particularly for the investor will usually collect children whose parents have an extra per cent on top of provided the capital. Special the recommended investment rules apply for holdings of rate children under seven years old. For Their certificates can only be longest available you can obtain claimed by the non-taxpayer. encashed early with the permission of the director off savings, who will need to be continued to be continued to be continued by the non-taxpayer. But if aggregation is a problem described on the societies need for money in society interest is subject to the societies are result as a result as 12 results. vinced of some urgent need

Local authority loans involve a substantially higher lump sum investment. Although rax by the non-taxpeyer. Minimum investment is around \$500.

The rate of interest depends on the number of years for which the money is committed. Leicester City presently offers a return of 61 per cent for one, year, You can obtain 91 per cent from Hereford and Wor-

cester Councy Council for three-year money and 101 per-cent from Trafford for a five-National Sawings certificates they can be a good home for excess Christmas or bitchday cash which will not be needed for several years. The sunual interest rate is \$2 per cent and is paid half yearly gross, so there is no meed to claw back the taw.

the tax
After five years there is a
tax free 4 per cent taxminal
bonus (the bonds are encash-

by the non-taxpayer. Term four years time.

This gain is "tax Free." The stable funds—the shortest term is two years, for which money will usually collect

it has been as much as 13 per cent above the normal rate.

for deposits and they offer no interest on cash balances.

The NS ordinary account pays 5 per cent a year, gross. The first £70 of interest on an NS ordinary account is tax free, so where accessibility and avoidance of aggregation are both important factors, this those responsible for the child that capital values can fluctuate dramatically. Frequently

can be one answer.

The return on the NS investmate dramatically. Frequently ment account, where with the child will not want or need drawals are at one month's the regular dividend income; varional, Savings certificates notice, is 9 per cent—twice the hey can be a good home for incheday ask which will not be preeded accounts. The interest is paid are the answer. The annual neterest rate is 8; per cent and partial part of children who will not be a grown instead of being distributed, is not paid half yearly gross, so he is recommended instead of being distributed, is a paid half yearly gross, so he is recommended instead of being distributed, is not paid half yearly gross, so he is recommended instead of being distributed, is a paid half yearly gross, so he is recommended instead of being distributed, is not paid to claw back the tax and the preferable.

After five years there is a might be preferable.

Bank account.

Building society term shares carn secount, which well be are another possibility, filed or empired as he or she although tax paid and the wishes. The minimum invest-deduction cannot be reclaimed ment is officially £1 in most wishes. The minimum invest-ment is officially £1 in most societies, but smaller sums are The current rice of 6 per

cent tax paid compares favourably with the 5 per cent on offer at the National Savings Bank for ordinary accounts, although, as in the

higher rate taxes. Finally—what if the older But an older child may want child wants a kittle flutter in easy access to funds. equities? Children over the Tale National Savings Bank's age of 14 can be registered as is deducted at basic rane on ordinary account, which will unitholders in their own right, the half-yearly interest pay accept deposits of as little as Younger children can hold ments it can be claimed back 25p at a time, is suitable for unit trust investments through by the non-taxpayer. Minimum the mini saver. The four clear-designated accounts. The units investment is around \$500. designated accounts. The units bought for the calld are regis-tered in the parents names, but designated with his or her

Margaret

Death benefits are of lively interest to most scheme members

be received is of only passing interest. Death benefits are therefore very often of much

members of a pension scheme.
The majority of people are inclined to push into the back of their minds the prospect of leaving their wife and children as without and crohans, but when faced with the question objectively they will normally concede the importance of provision for this eventuality.

After all, in these days of After all, in these days of excessive travel, eccidents may befall anyone; and even cross-

ing a busy street in a city cantre may be a hexardous undertaking. There are Toland Revenue and statutory limits on the amount and form of death benefits under an approved pension scheme and on the way they can be paid.

There are still some older schemes' where lump sums are not allowed at all, because they have not been brought within the rules for approval, but such schemes are few and will in any case have to be changed by 1980

Schemes under the approval code now normally applied are allowed to provide a lump sum proment of up to four times the annual rate of pay of a member who dies while still in service. No lump sum may normally be paid on the death

The "final pay" on which the maximum may be based is more flexibly defined than for purposes of recirement benefits. The rate of pay at the dote of death may be used and there are no special requirements to take the average over several years in the case of controlling

directors.
On the other hand, to allow

Occupational pension schemes do not provide benefits only on retirement: they are also retirement they are also retirement benefits of a member. As in the case of retirement benefits, the death benefits may be in the form of a pension or a lump sum payment.

For most people joining a new employer the processor of the principles of the person of retirement is a long way off and the amount of pension to be received is of only passing interest. Death benefits are

replaced estate duty. With care, replaced estate duty. With care, it is normally possible to ensure that benefits payable on death under an approved pension scheme are free of this tax, too, but the position is less clear-cut in that it depends in some circumstances way in which the lexal rules of the scheme are drafted.

that benefits paid to a widow or widower are free of tax in all circumstances. Benefits paid to circumstraces. Benefits paid to anyone else are free of tax, in broad terms, unless the mem-ber's estate is entitled to receive them (and they are not left to the widow or widower) or the member had the power

or toe member had the power to say to whom they were to be neid.

The form of the benefit and the conditions of payment are to be considered to the light of these taxation provisions. Lump sums are payable partly because they carry a clear income tax advantage. They are normally navable under conditions which ensure that there is no capital transfer tax lightlity.

This is not, however, the only consideration in deciding the

consideration in deciding the structure of the scheme; sufficient flexibility is normally provided to look after the inter-ests of dependents other than lawful wives in situations such as arise from divorce or separation, dependent hus-bands, common law wives and

I shall look in my next few articles at the wers in which schemes by to meet these situations as well as the more conventional one of a widow, and the extent to which they

Eric Brunet

allowage COMMUTERS STUDY CLUB ... regular tutoring in a number of subjects....

are at odds with one

another about the whole thing and the voice of the electronic pocket calculator is heard in the land. Perhaps we should turn to the Society for Long Rance Planning for guidance, on the ground that they ought to know more about these matters than the rest of us. After all, they distinguished themselves as having a nice sense of timing on a past occa-sion by autouncing the venue

October 14 they held a seminar

No wonder everybody is con-fused and ready to grab the very merest straw in the wind. paper a short time ago, under the headline "Brittin is a tiger exporting ustion " was a quite detailed account of the growing export trade in British-bred rare animals. Last year, it told us, 21 tigers, four leopards, this

has an important characteristic, if my memory of the Cambridge natural science tripos is cor-rect. Like Peter Pan, it mever

a knife edge indeed.

lows suit.

How excellent for people who have only a passing involvement with some subject to be able to sharpen and broaden their minds on it on their way to work. Down with specialization—and self-pigeonholing!

Personally I look forward to the day when these courses are extended to graduate level with extended to graduate level with proper degrees on the lines of the Open University, so that

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Scent of cheaper money puts steam into gilts

adged stocks at the centre of the interest

this downward trend in rates would start yesterday longer would spar yesterday longer maturities quickly went five eighths ahead and managed to hold those levels in spre of an unchanged MLR. Further buying late in thesession took the gains further and by the closemany stocks were a full point to the good.

to the good
Another feature as the exhaustion of the long tap? which was reactivated in the middle of the week und, as expected, a new short "tap" was announced to replace the stock which ryn out earlier in the week. Though "shorts" were, to some extent subdued by the new stock they still managed rises of around a quarter point.

Many were triking of another

Many were talking of another cut in MLR before Chrismas though the more conservative rice was that though the next movement is likely to be down rather thou up it is not likely to take pace for some weeks.

Up 13p to 156p this week Rowton Hotels has met with good support. The word is that current trading is strong but there is also talk that one of the big Instal groups may be

Contrary to some expecta-tions, equities managed to hold their ground at the end of the account. In a mixed and quiet session the FT Index moved between extremes of 3.1 down and a full point better. By the close it stood 0.7 up at 48.9, a gam of 19.9 over the fortnight account but 1.8 off over the week.

in the not too distant future leaders was again Beecham covered their pulse to end unafter news of a Price Commis-

sodium carbonate prices.
The BEC ruling against dual pricing hit Distillers to the tune

In foods I. Lyons continued to go ahead after figures rising anomer 2p to 105p, but Lencons fell 3p to 34p on a cut in earnings. Hillards attracted support at 252p, a rise of 4p on the session.

With the warre new cut and

With the worst new out and some talk of a possible bid Burton 'A' gained another to 24p with Mothercare another in demand, gaining 4p to 1940. But Gus 'A' lost 2p to as profits were taken after this week's profits.

Over in electricals Normand beld firm at 45 after figures and GEC continued to rise with another 3p gained at 266p, a rise of 22p on the week. EMI firmed a penny to 181p, but was still 38p lower on the week feltonia she interior and continued as following the chairman's gloom.
Another in retreat this week
hos been Thorn where a chart shares to the tune of 16p to 368p over the five days.

\$12.87 on its debut, a premium of £2.87 on the issue price.

The best of the industrial at first but the shares scon reand the sudden improvement in which was supported at 537p, changed at 300. Oils managed the industrial scene put gilt- a gast of 5p. Unilever rose 4p a rally from the weakness of the interest. 21p better at 865p and the new With some dealers expecting sion robe lato plans to raile 8p alread at 874p. Shell a his downward trend in rates sodium exchange prices.

> of 5p to 177p even though the shares were off the bottom of the close. Elsewhere in the merging Vantona with Spirella, sector Irish Distillers was a have risen from 107p to 114p. In less than a fortnight Vanfirm exception rising 4p to Unlike some other textile comnanies, this one prospers. Buners hove for profits of will have plenty of room to hoist the dividend, It could double.

> > In the motor sector distribu-In the motor sector distribu-tor. Arlington jumped 10p to 117p after reporting a strong rise in profits but component maker Jonas Woodhead dipped 3p to 230p in spite of higher carvings and a scrip. A cut in dividend lowered Consolidated Murchison 30p to 270p. In banks an active Standard

Chartered gained op to 420p but in merchants both Schroders 10p to 410p and Arbuthnot-Latham 5p to 165p went into After hours the hope of

68p over the five days.

The Kensington loan went to for both ends of the gir-edged range. Even "shorts" made ground in the face of the new Spink & Son foll another 10p

to 287p on the breakdown of talks but revised terms from Northern Engineering lifted According to Exchango Tele-

According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were Beecham, ICI, BP, BAT nal was supported at 267p, a gain of 10p, while speculative GEC, Gus "A", Burmah, Grand interest lifted issues like HTV 10p to 114p, Pleasurama 4p to 70p and Redfearn 8p to 295p.

A rights issue lowered RCF

According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were Beecham, ICI, BP, BAT Deferred, Shall, GKN, Distillers, GEC, Gus "A", Burmah, Grand Metropolitan, Thorn, Town & City, Commercial Union, Royal, National Westminster and Standard Charteness.

Latest results **Earnings** 9.4(5.3) 0.85n (0.19) 0.44(1.09) -(-) 1.89(0.6) 4.05(2.09) 10.43(8.25) 0.05a(0.02) 0.70(0.40) Stonehill (I) 6.7(7.5) Trident Gp. (I) 5.0(4.9) J. Weedhead (I) 25.0(19.2)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown ogs are not a Loss, b Conts. Includes capital repayment of Sc. d Includes capital repayment of 10c.

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The Offer for the Ordinary Shares of THE BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

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Arrangements have been made so that Ordinary Shareholders who have not yet accepted and who wish to do so can still accept by lodging their completed Forms of Acceptance and Transfer

any branch of Midland Bank Limited in England and Wales

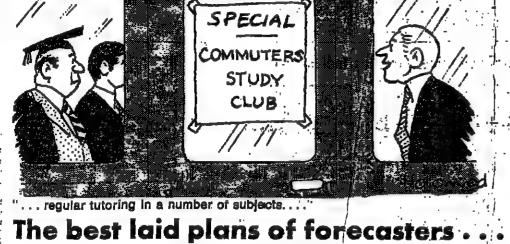
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those knife-edge moments when fused and ready to grab the things are what is technically very merest straw in the wind. known as finely balanced. In For example, in this very newsother words, nobody has the faintest idea what is going to happen next.

Economic witch doctors and even non-economic witch doc-

for their annual conference, which was the premises of the Royal Society of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians precisely nine months before the due date. So, looking at their programme, first I note that on entitled "Turning uncertainty to advantage". The mood of comparative optimism is, bowover, soon to be shattered, for on January 19 we have another

sirvival", to be followed a mere six days later by one on "Corporate Collapse".

The coup de grace is rendered by the title of the national conference to be held on February 14—"Self-denial today for prosperity tomorrow (The crisis of choice)".

Ah well.

Medium and income funds (progress this year and the past three

years). Unitholder index 2052.8; rise from January 1, 1977: +29%. Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months

+38.7%; over last three years: +113.4%

pygmy hippopotamus, two servals and 200 axolotis were sent

I forget what particular natural trigger is required to cause it to mature and breed,

I must say I wish that we could export a few of our other eternal adolescents in similar manner. Like the trake union

The exoloti, a small newt-like amphibian from Mexico, grows up and is condemned to spend its life in eternal adoles-

but that fact remains that it generally stays in this state of suspended growth for its whole

manner. Like the trade union leader who swears that his sword shall not sleep in his hand until every British worker is paid above the average wage. Like the hard-nosed managing director who moans about industrial indiscipline; but never visits his factory floor. Like the Whitehall civil servant and the Lombard Street banker who live in their own little technical worlds and only see life in their own little technical terms.

Britcin, plagued not daly by class warfere but by clam war-fare also—as between industry, commerce, finance, government and the scademic world—is on

a knife edge indeed.

It is, therefore, heartening to report a few signs that things are changing. First said foremost may I give you the 7.17. from Cambridge (Cambridge again, you see) to Liverpool Street, which now has a special coach reserved for a commuters study club. Some enterprising person has extranged matters so that regular commuters are able to be given regular tutoring h, a. given regular turoring in a number of subjects including management, political science, economics and andustrial rela-

The scheme seems to have been quite successful and it cannot be long before the 7.49 from Oxford to Paddington fol-

everyone can have recourse to side qualification outside his

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for cases where the earnings have reduced — possibly as a result of ill-health—the lump 160.7 INCOME 142.3 Framlington Income 95.3 312.9 162.4 M & G High Income 74.5 217.1

M & G Extra Yield Key Income Schroder Income F Schroder Income F 68.0
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scminar entitled "Strategies for survival", to be followed a

Unit trust performance

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Rowan Securities 41.4
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M & G Midland.
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Gartmore British 60.5
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Both taken to December 8, 1977.

M: Trust valued monthly.

F: Trust valued every two weeks.

Good outturn seen after Lennons' 8pc interim dip

has taken its toll at Lennous fering from increased competi-Group and pre-tax profits for tion, but he feels that this is the six months to October 1 are only a temporary phase, and down 8 per cent to £741,000 on that trade will settle down to a down 8 per cent to £741,000 on that trade will settle sales 20 per cent up at £30.5m.
Mr Denis Lennon, the chairman,
Over the first half has no doubt that the group will have another successful year, so the board is paying an interim dividend of 0.63p ngainst 0.58p gross.

He says that naturally the interim figures are not as good as he would like but he points out that additional interest has been paid, amounting to £94,000, on the forward buying of wine and spirits for Christmas. These charges will be more than offset by the resulting hoost to margins in the second balf.

bution to Christmas profits. He and electricity costs were being admits that food retailing has faced.

been through a difficult patch The supermarket price war with margins and volume suf-

Over the first half, the group has pressed on with its policy of purchasing the freeholds of some of its lessehold properties, and has acquired the freeholds of one supermarket and two off-licences. In addition, ir has bought the freeholds of four properties which have been opened as off-licences. The board has also acquired the lease of a supermarket in Carlisle which is now being fitted out, and is actively look-ing at a number of propositions which could be developed as

hoost to margins in the second balf.

At the annual meeting in August Mr Lennon said that the proved level of liquidity, as its second half would provide the stock levels had been profitably group's main growth, as the reduced. However, like the larger off-licence departments trade in general, higher rates, would make their first contri-

Upturn at Cattle's HIdg despite spending dip

consumer spending, check and credit trading group, Cattle's (Holdings) boosted profits in the half year to September 30.

On turnover up from £13.4m to £16.1m the group made a pre-tax profit of £608,000 against a previous £496,000.

These results confirm the new trends established over the past 18 months, the chairman Mr

Roy Waudby points out. The increased cost of borrow-ing, coming at the same time as the pre-Christmas spending sorte—historically the period of peak demend for the group—will increase the costs of borrowings. However, these costs are unlikely to match last year

Since the end of September,

the group has bought the Grimsby branch operation of North British Supply for £250,000 and this has been the only significant acquisition so far this year, according to the

chairman.

Early this year Provident
Financial Group made on abortive £5m offer for Cattle, which
runs the "Shopacheck" personal credit system.

Taxation on the half year

accounts has been provided in full but the chairman reports that the group is considering applying the new guidelines on deferred tax.

Bardon Hill McLeod up to $25\frac{1}{2}$ p for well on way Malayalam to target

Bardon Hill, the Leicestershire-based quarrying plant hire and civil engineer, reports pre-tax profits of £496,000 for the six months to September 10. Last year the group achieved an overall profit of 1977,000 for the 12 months to March 31, 1977. The current period takes in Charles Gregory.

acquired last June. Mr J. G. Tom, chairman, says that figures for the six months enable him to confirm the forecast made when the group joined M. J. H. Nightingale's over-the-counter market.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank Barclays Bank Consolidated Crdts First London Secs C. Hoare & Co... Lloyds Bank London Mercantile Midland Bank Nat Westminster ... Rossminster Accs Shenley Trust TSR 7% Williams and Glyn's 71%

soars but caution on final stage

By Ray Maughan

Jonas Woodhead-& Sons, the Leeds-based vehicle suspension specialist, came off 3p yesterday to 230p, after 224p. For the first time in over a year a run of bright optimism and results to match have been replaced by a note of boardroom caution. In the six months to end-

September, pre-tax profits soared almost 64 per cent to £2.32m on the back of a 30 per cent sales socresse to £25m The board, headed by Mr E. S. Sampson, reports that there were good levels of customers' schedules and a reasonable measure of demand in other group areas throughout the

But the outturn for the current six months is proving difficult to predict. Woodherd seems reasonably certain that annually profits will exceed the previous level of £4.58m yet the directors are "conscious of the uncertainties surrounding the Covernment's pay ing the Government's pay policy" and hope that "the general climate will not deteriorate

"Any significant untoward change could sharply affect the performance of companies in our sector", they add a

Recent market estimates of about £7m pre-tax for the year will be downgraded at the first sign of motor andustry industrial action or any reversal of the Government's inflation targets but, for the present, Woodhead looks aminently capable of earning a share of 35p where the maximum p/e would be 6.5.

Shareholders, who sockude Prudential Assurance and Nor-with Union with an aggregate with Union with an aggregate 15 per cent stake, get a gross interim dividend of 3.72p a share, a further payment of 1.076p for the previous year in respect of a retroactive fall in ACT, while a one-for-one coming is proposed.

J. Woodhead Stonehill slips but orders now brighter

Furniture maker Stonehill Holdings has been unable to escape the effects of a down-turn in consumer spending and, in line with other groups in the sector, turns in reduced interim

In the 32 weeks to November 13, numover slipped from a previous £7.5m to £6.7m, leaving pre-tax profits down £269,000 at

in the period, according to Mr Philip Steinberg chairman, but the shortfall in the value of sales came from a switch of policy into cheaper lines of furniture. The group has also moved into other segments of the market and is doing around the second that £40,000 worth of business a week in these gress. Although the chairman would not reveal the exact nature of the business, he expects that in the next few years this new venture will

annually. Mr Steinberg is also more confident of trading for the second balf. Workers, who were put on short-time in the May and June recession, are now doing overtime to keep pace with orders and this level of work is likely to last until next spring.

If trading continues at these levels Stonehill could push profits up to the film level at the year end. Bank balances, currently standing at around £1.5m will chip in with a handy increases beauti

interest bonus.

Growth is likely to come both internally and externally for the group. With such a large cash balance, Stonehall could well be looking ground for some other group with sanilar interests, to take under its unbrelia. It also intends expanding into the upholstery and non-domestic furniture markets. inverest bonus. non-domestic furniture ma

Arlington 77pc ahead at half-time

By Michael Clark

A 77 per cent pre-tax profit leap to £671,000 for the 26 weeks to September 28 at Arlington Motor Holdings, sent shares climbing 7p to 117p Turnover of this Middlesex

based commercial and private motor dealer increased from £14.7m to £20.5m and earnings a share from 5.30 to 9.4p. The directors intend to increase the interim dividend from 2.12p to 3.7p gross to reduce disparity.

The improvement comes from a general increase in sales and profits throughout the group which was achieved in a period of sluggish truck sales and restricted motor car supplies.

While demand for commercial vehicles is not seasonal, sales of cars and coaches and car-hire benefit the fact half of the year more than the second. 3.7p gross to reduce disparity.

Now Falcon Nickel wields axe

Falconbridge Nickel Mines plans big cuts in production employment and capital spend ing next year at its nickel oper-ations near Sudbury, Ontario, 280 miles north of Toronto. The moves were seen by metals' analysts as a further indication of the worsening plight of the world's nickel industry due to weak demand and mas-

Falconbridge's vice president, Mr J. E. Finlay, said that curbacks previously prothat curbacks previously proposed and those now planned will mean that the group's Canadian nickel operations will be running in the area of 50 per cent of their about 100 million pound amusi capacity in 1978, down from about 70 per cent currently. That will result in five of its seven Sudbury area mines being closed or operations suspended, he said. Development work on an eighth mine has been deferred.

£633,000 in 1-for-3 rights By Ashley Druker

RCF plans

to raise

Hand tool makers and distributors RCF Roldings, whose pre-tax profits for 1976-77 recovered from £492,000 to £557,000, plans a one-for-three rights assue at 32p to raise about £653,000.

The board states that capital spending for the current year is budgeted at £400,000. Additionally, it plans so spend some £800,000 in the next two years on further modernizing and in-creasing the capacity and effici-ency of its existing manufactur-ing plant and distribution facili-ties in the United Kingdom. Apart from providing part of

Apart from providing part of the finance for this programme and broadening the equity, the board has negotiated the extension of the average life of secured bank loans and an increase in borrowing facilities. Both the extension and increase, it is stated, are conditional on the rights issue. Meanwhile turnover for the first quarter of the present term shows an increase of some 171 per cent over the same

174 per cent over the same period. This takes in a volume increase in both the manufacturing and distribution divi-

All going well, the board will recommend that the current dividend level be maintained on the enlarged equity.

Int Combustion wins NEI share option to pay around 19.3m for the whole ICH business.

By Our Financial Staff

The outcome of the Northern Engineering bid for International Combustion (Holdings) shows that it can pay to ask for more even when control has climated when slipped away, and indeed when the successful predator has already adopted a forbidding artitude.

Northern now offers 7 of its own ordinary shares and £3.55 cash, or 11.75 new Northern shares for every ten in Inter-national Combustion. In other words, Northern is still offering its original share and cash terms (worth 961p) but with a straight share alternative.

This alternative brings the value imputed to every linernational share up to ground 102p. The original shares and cash offer made in

Combustion Engineering whose key stake went to Northern Engineering early on, and its adviser Robert Fleming. They now strongly advise all

shareholders to accept the latera terms, and the offer is unconditional save for the admission to the Official List of the NEI shares to be issued.

The modest variation in the

original terms is a credit to both the ICH board, save

obviously the two representa-

tives of the American group,

Equally, the Northern offer has a smooth passage assured at trifling cost. The facts remain, as the defence document against NEI pointed out, that ICH had, with associates, on September 30, 53.8m of cash, October had a value of around and should have this year pre-100p. So ME is now prepared tax profits of at least 225m.

Benfield auditors' query

The accounts of builders and The accounts of builders and contractors Benfield & Loxley have been qualified. The auditors are unable to say whether a "going concern" basis of accounting is appropriate. The group's bankers would be prepared to provide additional finance if and when the sale by the receiver of Merrow Associates. ates as a going concern goes

On the evidence available the auditors conclude that the group has adequate financial resources

only if the money resulting from the sale is "made avail-able without significant delay". Also, they cannot form an opinion on the accuracy of the division in the accounts between operating losses of £124,000 and extraordinary losses of £15,000. Meanwhile, the chairman says that the year to February 28 will produce a profit of about 59,000, and prospects for the early part of the next year are

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GO goes for 20 pc dividend growth

expects an average 20 per core annual rise in dividend, Sir James Goldsmith, chairman and chief shareholder, declares. McLeod Russel has raised its bid for Malayalam Plantations (Holdings) from 23p to 25;p a The group paid an un-changed dividend of 8.25 france

(Holdings) from 23p to 251p at share, valuing the company at £6.9m. The bid was raised after McLeod increased its holding in the company from 29.99 per cent to 32.78 per cent by buying extra shares at 251p.

Malayalam, which rejected the first offer as "inadequate". changed dividend of 8.25 france including 2.75 tax rebate for the year ended June 30.

The chairman said that the current year should be even better, although difficulties are expected in Sweden, Spain, and the United States. Currency swings will also hurr profits.

The five-year plan which began in 1976-77 involves investments of slightly over two billion france, the chairman added. has yet to meke an announce-ment on the revised terms as has Harrisons & Crosfield, which along with associates con-trols 23.64 par cent of the

equity.

McLeod still maintains that
the bid has little chance of sucadded.

The group plans to give up soon certain holdings, notably its 50 per cent stake in Sanders, its 47 per cent in Argyle Securities and 31.2 per cent in Southland McColl, he said.

The 100 per cent United cess unless the Malayalam board recommends it because the remainly individuals rather than

The 100 per cent United States subsidiary Grand Union Jump of 82pc at -will also hive off its non-food interests.

The divestment of these holdings is part of the group policy of concentrating on food.

Acquisitions from now on are Giltspur Over the first six months to September 30, Glitspur has pushed its pre-tax profits up 82 per cent to £1.05m and the board is confident that the imnot entirely ruled out. But any made will be in activities GO knows and in countries it understands; and it must generate real, not phantom,

board is confident that the improved profit trend will be maintained given a stable business climate. The interim advance was achieved on turnover up 10 per cent to £34.2m. Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 1.51p against 1.38p. With its main problem areas resolved, the group expected to do well this year. United Breweries Copenhagen.—The United Breweries (Carlsberg and Tuborg) group of Denmark re-port a net profit of 179m

International

kroner from its interpetional activities in 1976-77, an increase of 19m on the year before.

The annual report said that the turnover, including subsidiaries or licensees in more than 20 countries, rose from 5,006m to 5,153m kroner in the year to Sarrenber 30

eptember 30.

Beer sales abroad rose by 13 is cent as a whole, with a 3 per cent rise alone for sales; beer produced by foreign licensees or braweries wholly or partially owned by the United Braweries. Exports and sales of beer produced abroad now

of sales.

The Danish parent had an 89.7m krouer net profit after taxes against 87.9m—AP-Dow taxes

New York, CBS expects pretex profits for its publishing
group to be just under 10 per.
cent higher than lear year's
\$24.3m, Mr John R. Purcell,
President, reveals.
Mr Purcell said that publishing revenues this year will be
slightly less than \$400m, up
sharply from \$220.8m last year,
most of the revenue increase is
coming from CBS acquisition
of Fawcett Publications on
January 6. Earnings for the
year would have been "signifi-

Stockholm bank loan

Düsseldorf. — Sparbenkernas Bank of Stockholm plans to floet a \$30m 8.75 per cent maximum 10-year Eurobond, lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale said redemption begins in 1979, giv-ing an average life of 5½ years. —Reuter.

Plant for Thailand

Bangkok ICC Corporation of South Korea is applying for promotional privileges to set up a cement factory here in a joint venture with That pertners, the Commerca Ministry's daily and press propertied Options report from the That Com-mercial attache in Seoul, it said that the proposed plant will cost \$128m and will have a production capacity of 1.6

Tenneco purchase

one 50 per cent in-Tenneco, Corporation of Houston. The price was around \$35m. Petro-Tex with a plant on the Tex wish a plant on the Houston Ship Channel is a major producer of butadiene and Olefin chemicals. Tenneco through a substitute has owned the other 50 per cent of Petro-Tex since the Company was formed by Texneco and FMC in 1955.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)



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Wall Street

New York, Dec 9.—The New York stock market closed higher

York sinck market closed higher on moderate volume as investors enjoyed fome cautious buying.

The Dow Jones industrial average, moving higher most of the day, closed up 8.32 points at 815.23. Advancing issues out numbered decliners by about 890 to about 490. Volume totalled 19,210,000 shares.

Analysis said that much of today's increase was the result of the money and the money market had already discounted much larger increases than the final figures showed.

Analysis added that the market was pleased with the reception Thursday's news was received in the money markets.

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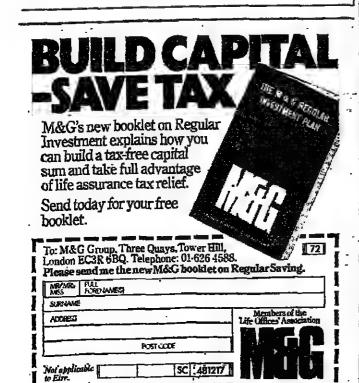
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Briefly

Carless in for building specialist

Carless, Capel & Leonard intends to bid 25p a share for the whole of the capital of S. A. Richardson, Winchester-A. Richardson, Winchester based building preservation specialist group.

The board of Richardson have consulted Hill Samuel and are considering the intended offer. Earlier this week Carless. Capel reported a fall in pre-rax profits from £1.2m to £1.1m for the six months to September 30. The result was that the shares fell 9p over the week to end up at 35p. To add more groom Mr John Leonard, deputy chairman, said that profits for the full year were not expected to reach the E2m figure for last

HAROLD INGRAM Chairman says interim figures show a measure of success, but there is still some way to go before dependence on the flome market is considerably lessened.

CAKEBREAD ROBEY Company has agreed purchase from PPI Holdings, A. Olby and Son, builders' merchants and elec-

BRIT INVESTMENT TRUST
Black Diamonds Pensions says
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Foreign Exchange The dollar and sterling closed

r on the day yesterday but strains began to reappear within the joint European float sowards Operators began to move into

the New York opening as an insurance against a float realignment which, some dealers said, may be amounced at the Bank for International Settlements meeting in Basic this weekand.

The pound gained 25 points on the day to \$1.8295. The effective index was at 63.5. Gold lost \$2.50 an ounce to close in London at \$158.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

Gold

Discount market A buge rise in the note circula son with the approach of Christ the sizeable shortage of credit on Lombard Street yesterday. The

scale assistance via purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses, which was nowhere near enough to cover the shortage. I As well as the circulation increase, banks' balances were a long way down overnight, there was still BP money coming in and the market repaid small loans made by the Bank on Thursday. Against these factors, Treasury bill maturities were in the mar ket's favour, and there was a slight excess of Governmen disbursements over Revenue trans fers to the Exchequer. ...

Money Market Rates



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Stock Exchange Prices

Firm end to the account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings End, Dec 30. 9 Contango Day, Jan 3. Settlement Day, Jan 11

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Law Report December 9 1977

Legal implications of family arrangements

Hardwick. V Johnson and Another

Refore Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Browne

IJudgments delivered Dec 6.1

The Court of Appeal held that a family arrangement by which a generous mother bought a nouse in her own name for her son and his mer, while to live in, on payment of 228 a month, was to be treated in law as a joint contractual licence to instand and wife. Accordingly, when the husband left his wife, who was then pregnant, in the house after a couple of years, the Hecnoe was not revocable so as to emitte the mother to regain possession of and speal by Mrs Stella Hardwick. Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Mrs Stella Hardwick, of Westbourne Street, Lacaster Gate, London, from the dismissal by deputy excall juga Massey in Frome Road, Trowbridge, against her son, and his wife, Mrs James Anne Johnson, and his order that the wife pay £112, consisting of sums of £7 a week to the mother to respect of a period under the licence.

Mr Christopher Gosland for the mother; Mr James Wigmore for Mrs Johnson.

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Plea bargaining danger in pre-trial reviews

I Judgment delivered December 81

There was no objection to the practice of "pre-trial review" in criminal cases, but the present appeal revealed a distinction situation in such receive which ought to be prevented from recurring. The impression should never begiven that a defendant was being offered a bargain as to his plea.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by Leslie Atkinson, aged 40, of Davidstone Close, Brambolme, Hull, against a sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed on him by Judge Pickles at Beverley Crown Court on his conviction of handling a bicycle.

Lit Robert Stevenson for the

he had asked counsel whether the appellant was afraid that he was going to be sent to prison. Counsel had said that he had no instructions. The judge had then indicated that he had seen the record and that he could see no reason why the appallant should have to go to prison; he had then said tu counsel: " Have a word with him. If he decides to plead guilty, we can dispose of the case today." There was a plain indication in that that if the appellant pleaded guilty, there would be no question of his going to prison. In the event be pleaded not guilty and

was convicted.

During counsel's mitigation the judge had said: "I see I indicated at the pre-trial review that on the basis of a guilty plea I didn't have in mind sending him to prison. But he has pleaded not pully, hasn't he?". A man while sentencing the appellant, he bad said: "Well, now if you had pleaded guity I would have borne that in mind. ... But I am unable to reduce your sentence on that

No doubt the judge had had no intention of making a bargain with the defence as to plea, but it might have appeared to the appellant that he was being offered no immediate custodial sentence if he pleaded guilty. It was a sensitive area in which the appearance of instice was part of the substance of justice. appearance of inside was part of the substance of inside.
Neither prisoners nor the general public should get the impression that it was possible to achieve a bargain with the court. Plea bargaining had no place in English criminal law. If evidence arose which gave the appearance of such a bargain one must be caraful to see that that appearance was corrected. which gave the appearance of the borghed one must be carsful to see that that appearance was corrected.

It should not be shought that his Lordably was criticizing the practice of pre-trial review in criminal cases. It was well known that crown courts throughout the country were having difficulties in serting down cases and organizing their lists. Pre-trial review could be of great assistance and that regard, but they should not be used for the purpose of indicating to an accused that he would be trested one way if he pleaded guilty and snother way if he pleaded guilty and snother way if he pleaded not guilty.

It was not possible to lay down a general rule that there should never be communication between the judge and the accused. But it should never be taken beyond the limits set out in R v Turner (1970) 54 Orim Apg R 3221.

Doubts had been expressed as to whether Turner represented the correct position today. His should not appearance of the present-case the judge and drew attention to the Practice Direction (1976) CLR 464).

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Crown can retain benefit of distress in liquidation

Herbert Berry Associates Ltd. v
Inland Revenue Commissioners
The House of Lords (Visconar
Dilborne, Lord Morris of
Borth-y-Cest, Lord Simon of
Glaistiale, Lord Russell of Killowan
and Lord Scarman) dismissed an
appeal by the liquidator of a company in voluntary liquidation,
Herbert Berry Associates Ltd., who
carried on the business of joiners,
and affirmed the decisions of Mr
Justice Templeman (11976] 1 Wirk
733) and the Court of Appeal
((1977] 1 Wirk 517) which had
beld in favour of the Crown that
the Inland Revenue Commissioners
were entiled to retain the benefits
of a distress levied on the company's goods in respect of PATE
tax and national insurance contribution debts, notwithstanding that
the company's goods and
chatters but before
it was completed by sale.

The distress for debts of about
£9,676 and costs was levied on
the company's goods and
chattels ": it was continued by
a "walking possession" agreement. On March 3 the coaprony
sout out notices convening
creditors' meetings with a view to
on May 5 the figuidator send
to that effect was passed. The
goods were sold by agreement
between the Crown and the
liquidator, producing some £10,500,
their estimated value.

On May 5 the figuidator issued
an originating summons under
section 307 of the Companies Act.
1948, asking for a stay of all

Guidelines to help, not to bind

Guidelines to help, not to bind

Wells v Derwent Plastics Ltd
Judges' observations on the application of statutes to particular facts were only guidelines intended to help in the particular case under consideration and were not meant to create legally binding precedents, Mr Justice. Bristow said in the Employment Appeal Tributal HIS LORDSHIP said that the submission made on the appellant's behalf that the industrial tributal's failure to follow guidelines in previous Appeal Tributal decisions was an error of law demonstrated a serious misconception of the courts' role in relation to statute law. Where a legal right was created by statute, what the saw Judges could not add decisions was an error of law denoustrated a serious misconception of the courts' role in relation to strute law. Where a legal right was created by statute, what the statute said and nothing else was the law. Judges could not add

tableble. It was unnecessary to consider circumstances in which the mother might be able to nevoke the licence; but while the parties were still married, the daughter-in-law and the child could remain so long as the f7 a week was paid. The judge was right to refuse to order possession and to give judgment for £112, the sum payable to the mother at £7 a week from the time when the daughter-in-law first offered £7 up to the date

Queen's Bench Division

Motorway protesters fail to reopen inquiry

sting as deputy Queen a seema judge
His Lordship refused an application to quash a decision of the Secretary of State for the Ravironment refusing to reopen an inquiry ment refusing to reopen an inquiry into proposed schemes for construction of motorways m be part of the M40 and M42 on the outskirts of Birmingham. The application was made by Mr John Bushell, of Leigh End Farm, Alvachurch, and Mr James Brunt, of Alvachurch, and Mr James Brunt, of Alvachurch Way, Bromsgrove. Because of his Lordship's decision work on the proposed roads can now proceed and the motorways can be completed.

Lord Gifford for the applicants; Mr Harry Woolf for the minister. HIS LORDSHIP said that two schemes for the construction of motorways to be part of the M42 and M40 were made by the minister. The applicants were members of the M42 Action Committee, which pursued its objections by lawful means and not by disruping public inquiries. There were 170 objectors to the draft scheme. The impector, after a public inquiry, recommended that the schemes be made.

of those predictions that he made forecasts for the roads considered at the inquiry. The inspector disalitowed cross-examination directed to the reliability of the Red Book. The committee requested that the inquiry be reopened because of the considerable alteration of the considerable alteration in the position of the application to see amounce the considerable alteration in the considerable alteration of the minister decided root to recognite the forecasts alteration in the considerable alteration in the considerable alteration in the considerable alteration in the considerable alteration of the minister decided root to recognite the forecasts alteration in the considerable alteration alteration considerable alteration alt

Having considered the objections a minister was then entitled to have regard to any information, on fact or policy, which came to him from his own departcame to him from his own department to other government sources. It was ingvisible that traffic forecasts would change from time to time, so that even if the inquiry had been reopened it was not improbable that before the minister gave his decision, forecasts would change, and so if the application; were right, that would require the minister to recoan the inquiry again. Thus, unless the minister, without reference to objectors, was entitled to take thito account information coming to him, as he was bound to do, through departmental sources, there would never be any finality. There must come a point at which the rights of objectors and of the minister to implement his policy began.

Contemnor is no outlaw

Pyke v National Westminster

Bank Ltd

Sir Robert Megarry, the ViceChamcellor, add that a plainiff
in contempt of court might, in
certain circumstances, be refused
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at he remained in contempt, but
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The Rev R. H. Beiser, Team Rector Resignations and retirements

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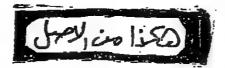
The Rev R. F. Oiley, Team Victor of Oxford Rector of Deventry with Norton diocese of Section 1. The Rev R. Worth I. Victor of Rector of Langley; to be Rural Dean of Burns of Langley; to be Rural Dean of Burns of York (March 51).

Church news

Appointments

Diocese of Elemingham

The Rev C. Kerre, Viens of St. London The Rev A. R. Minat, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury Park, to be Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, The Rev J. M. Lucus, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, and Rev J. M. Lucus, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, and Rev J. M. Lucus, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, and Rev J. Respectively. The Rev J. R. Lucus, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, and Respectively. The Rev J. Lucus, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, and Rev J. Rev J. Respectively. The Rev J. Lucus, Viens of St. Augustine's, Highbury New Park, and Respectively. The Rev J. Rev J. Respectively. The Rev J. Rev



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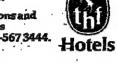


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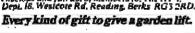
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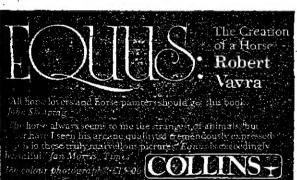
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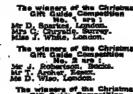
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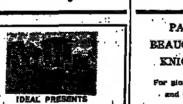
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Weekend

I saw a drawing of Tippy out 10 days ago, fell in love about 10 days ago, fell in love and hurriedly sem off for him. Then a friend to whom I excitedly described the principle, found Tippy in Building Centre where, inci-dentally, there is a wonderful fire accessories, in array of fire accessories, in Store Street, very near Goodge Street Tube station and the Tottenham Court Road buses.

So, for a week, I have been working with Tippy which is the simplest, best, meatest aid to clearing ash from fires that I have come across. It looks like a galvanized iron briescase and the diagram here shows you how it works. Take it right to the grate, stand it at an angle to avoid dirt or damage beneath it, slide in the ashpan, close the hinged lid and then stand Tippy upright so that the ash falls to the bottom of the briefcase container. Slide out the now-empty ashpan and take Tippy to where it can cool down at leisure. It is capacious enough leisure. It is capacious enough to use for at least two clearings so that it can be used morning and night, then left to cool overnight. It means I can empty ash by the grate without risking that hazardous path, precariously carrying hot ash, across the white floor rug. It means there are no set clouds across the white thoor rug. It means there are no ash clouds in the garage to settle on my hair, the car, my clothes and door ledges or windowsills. I can go on using my black plastic bags for dustbins and I can keep it where space is at a premium.

There are three models, the only difference being the sizes. The standard model, for open,

continuous burning fires like Dunsley Condor, Sofono, Redfyre, Fantom, Parkray and
some boilers measures 14!
inches wide by 4 inches
"thick" by 11g inches long so
that it takes any ashpan that is
less than 14! inches wide. It
costs £5.95. Then there is a
model for larger or smaller
roomheaters suitable for a great
many brands and makes,
measuring 14! by 4 by 17! long
at £7.75. It is obviously the most
versatile model and holds more
than the standard design. The
third model is for cookers like
Aga, Rayburn and Ideal Marquis—ask for the A/RA model
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quest is mine as this is a husband and wife business, a real They have been in business with Tippy for 12 years and they have built up a goodly chey have built up a goodly list of about 90 suckists around Britain, including some good shops like Bebbingtons of Bournemouth and Goodlands, that excellent coal merchanicum-ironmonger at Tammon, Somerset. Other stockists are James Gray, that old-fashioued, wonderful three-storey shop in Edinburgh's George Street, and Pugh and Co, who serve me as Pugh and Co, who serve me as well with solid fuel as if I were personally responsible for their "By Appointment"

The plates and boxes from Liberty, photographed here, are characteristically pretty. The

Gien plates are so lovely that

black and white photography

fails to do them justice. They

are packed in sixes in attrac-

cive cardboard drums with decorated tops (one is shown in

the background, on its side). One set of plates carries

coloured botanical drawings of

fruits, enchantingly drawn and

in lovely fresh fruit colours-

these cost £22.85 the set, the

plates being about 8in in dia-

meter. Another set shows tarts

of various kinds, illustrated by

the background of the tree from

which the chemies or other

fruits are picked. These dessert plates are £21.85. They

are Gien plates from France

and are also at General Trading

in Sloane Street and at Heals.

The plates caunot be posted

easily, although General Trud-

ing have managed it safely

The miniature chest of

drawers in the foreground is

covered with Liberty fabrics

and costs £4.65 (75p. for p/p).

It is pretty for a dressing-table, to hold sewing, hairpins or grips, and other knick-knacks.

I like it on women executives'

desks. One gots a nice, feminine

welcome feeling just by looking

at it. To march it are penholders also covered with fabric,

costing 52.50 (75p). The Liberty-

ping or laundrette visits twice

as pleasurable, if they give pleasure in the first place. The

price is £3.50 (75p). Give pre-ferred colours when ordering.

open tart dish set against

Pugh and Co are in West-minster, London, SW1, and I-use them for many reasons, ther service and quality being only two of them. But it some how never occurred to me to ask when I phoned for orders, if they stock fireplace accessories. So far, the fault is mine that I have only so recently discovered Tipoy. I should have gone down there instead of phoding.

phoning.

Instead I trudged in and out of larger hardware shops in and out of Loudon, asking for some good container for ash. I admit to not having envisaged Tippy and so merely asked for something suitable. Not one of the retailers offered me Tippy or anything like it. With some difficulty, I did buy a galvanized rather than a plustic bucket but disliked living in the clouds of ash. Then I was offered what seemed to me an offered what seemed to me an inordinately large galvanized bin with meshed cinder riddle under the lid. Modern fires and fuels yield few cinders and I never seem to have any so

this large bin wir high lid a set of firesidiaccessories, to would have been a pointless expense, and it we expensive. expense, and it was expensive. The Tippy fits im a narrow space. So why ws I never offered one? Why fid I go on risking hot ash of the white rug? What are retaers doing? I understand thei problems of catering for minety groups, which has too ofte to be left for smaller, specials shops; But Britain managed very well in the days of thring specialists and a mass of cottage industries with lowcosts.

I sat in on an iformal discussion recently fith some Coal Board people who were planning fireside ling accessories for the comig year and thereafter. I contributed three ideas which still has to stand the tests of protorping, and

tests of protorping and but which wer well received. So I now oter a prize,

the reader which comes up with the best potentil accessory of the future, to I with or to fit modern fires. for cooking or saning, bellowing or poking or it can be decorative. It must be either new or a reviva of an old, useful idea that its died. The judgment and ecision of myself and two three other judges from the Coal Board is final and indispable and, if no winning idea emges, there will be no winner, and entries to me personally af he Times and do not scorn sible ideas like wall plates in mal with hanging hooks or barfor fire tools. The competition is open to everyone, whethdemployed by The Times, the all Board or whoever, the only criterion being that the designs worth the cost of making up prototype. the future, to I with or to fit cost of making ula prototype

Sheila Black

In Kensington High Street, halfway between Marks and Spencer and the Earls Court Road junction, is the Children's Book Centre, the natural Mecca for people in the area who want to shop for or with children. Earlier this year it moved from Kensington Church Street where, in a smaller shop, it had been one of the major stops for young parents, Biba once being the

stops for young parents, Biba once being the other.

Robin Baker, son of the founder, has enlarged and brightened the place a great deal and has also added imaginative toys and crafts. But, to start with the books, I doubt if you could ever find a child's title out of stock here. You can help along French O-levellers with French books, and a new section is now being given over to German reading. All shoppers, young and old, are welcome to browse or to ask questions of a really helpful staff. There are story readings for the very young and popular personalities turn up to sign their books. There will even be a Santa Claus handing out tree presents to children this Christmas. Five children tried out one particular present, the Christmas Box, which is a red box with carry handle, measuring about 10 by five

inches and costing £2.50 (but 50p extra for posting, alas). It completely won the children. whose ages ranged from seven to 14. Gift after gift came from the box until we had 21 gifts. Owen set the little Japanese flowers to open in water. Scott and Clym wore the rub-bery red lips all over the house, their covered mouths assuming odd and scaring or grinning

Shapes.
Sandra adored nearly everything and loved the "bloon" which blew up to be quite enormous even from her short putfs, then got played with for some days before it burst. All loved the little Snoopy book, and it was quite a job to stop each of them palming that, but it is safely back in the box now, and only the flowers and bloon are destroyed from the 21 stocking filler gifts in this enchanting box of an idea. Many of the bigger toys are unusual and many exclusive to the Children's Book Centre at 229 Kensington High Street, London, W8 (01-937 0362). I have said it before but it is worth repeating that Ken High is a good shopping stretch and children love it because shopping stretch and children love it because of the short walking distance, the gentler crowds and the many ice cream, pizza and

If you are rich, make for Mappin and Webb at Harvey Nichols of Knightsbridge, a beautifully designed shop in a store which is better lighted and more open to shoppers than any ighted and more open to snoppers man any jewelery area mountably is. Really terrific are jewel chests with military handles, handmade in Florence from wood and suede, with lacquered brown for some sheen, and costing £123. See, too, mother of pearl and coral pendants at £265 and a beautiful chain with coral beads at above £400—plainer gems for people who prefer them that way. Luggage is creatly fantastic, such as a set of cases in people who preter them that way. Luggage is pretty fantastic, such as a set of cases in burgundy-coloured crocodile at about £10,000 the whole set but available in separate pieces although there have been buyers for the total

collection.

Crocodile and lizard belts are £25 and £10

and you will fall in love with handbags of lizard, crocodile and suedes, lined with pigskins or suedes from about £26 to £700. You might, or suedes fram about £26 to £700. You might be unable to resist a semi-domed jewel case by Michael de Angelis, perfectly designed and made for £69. It would also be so useful for those rings and brooches you buy for consider ably more. Mappin plate is better and better all the time and the cutlery is a great investment as well as a great temptration. Unfortunately the most lovely thing there was beyond me, diamond-and-rubies collar at £120,000. Luckil it had been taken off display because a gentluman had already left a deposit on it.

You can start lower after studying Mappin's catalogue which you can get from any of the branches nationwide or from 170 Regent Street, London WiR 6RQ (01-734 3801). Well worth the study too.

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go up to £3 and £1.50 from January 1. Ever since they opened the new, faster road to Guildford about a year ago-alread of schedule as the posters still proclaim—I have enjoyed the run 45 minutes to their village they moved there about 10 years ago it was more like 1} hours. But I have one regret about not hitting that Esher bottleneck. I am no longer tempted to stop at Peter Knight adhesive under peel-off tape and in the High Street, one of the most imaginative, smusing has another in Beaconsfield,

of movelties from both. Here you can see a collection. of just a few items. They do a tremendous amount of mail order selling so there is no need to start racing down the M1 or Mis right away. The telephone numbers are Beaconsfield 5561 (four lines) or Esher 64122 and 66855. The exact addresses are 45 London End, Beaconsfield and 5 High Street, Esher, but Peter Knight letters reach him even without addresses, although, thinking of the £0.5m or more the Post Office has spent on those Tommy Steele commercials, I should hardly be suggesting such deeds. He has no mail order leaflet, by the way. Some readers have esked other shops for leaflets. but please trust me, because I do specify when leaflets or catalogues are available.

to my family because it takes favourites although it costs fern, apricot, &c, at 63p per instead of an hour plus. When are so pretty and it really does care moistule meter, cheaper warm the hearts of tea drinkers. The luggage rollers on the right are the best wheels I have seen for relaxed luggage-carrying. They are backed with strong for cheque book, credit cards they are so compact and near that they add no extra weight shops in Britain and well worth or size to the suitcases. Lying visiting from miles away. He on its back, front right, is the clown but with a ball attached to his helmet. Play pat ball for too, and you can buy no end hours-adults love it even more than children and it is £135 (25p). A little cone on a stick holds a bird which pops out like a gentler jack-in-the-box and the drawstring bag (top left) is really delightful, colourful and eren romantic, marvellous value in three sizes at 80p, 90p and £1.20 (10p, 12p and 15p respec-

rively). The pop-up bird lies on a vivid red tray decorated with white hearts which might be used-now or put aside for St Valentine's day. There are pendant pens at 90p and pretty ballpoints in "gold-and-pearls" for the same sort of price. Giant Perspex paper clips carry words like "recipe" or "VIP" on their sides and cost £1.70 each (200). There is a Diabolical puzzle, a devilishly clever dice set, adorable little sachets,

cosy, the rural cottage in the beauty spaps that are almost but do not keep such sings as background which is made of mouth-watering, like cucumber cash cords with you cheque padded cotton and which proved and glycerine, bitter orange, to be one of last year's honey and avocado, pine, fresh £6.50 (25p postage). The colours boxed tablet. There is a plantthan I wrote about last week at

metal-protected corner Very cheap, but not belooking plustic holders for cree cards or money also have inforced corners and cost abous0p. A

Here you see the Cottage tea illuminated magnifiers, natural and stamps as well amoney- : clears rooms of nicotine smells. Finger puppets, books, fancies of all kinds are here whether pretty, amusing plain idioric or just useful. Like bath mitts for children. And, before I forget it, I must tell readers who love the tea cosy that there is now a matching oven glove giant pen holds four alipoint of ingenious design insenuch as refills and is 98p hile a there are two padded, wide chunky, scented red maker's mittens, one for fingers and the atobacco tin, in gilt ad red, or dish is firmly grasped—is very good value at 1.48, it £2.30.

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want to give away some of the hoard, tying each ratiot in pretty paper and ribbon. Furthermore, think how useful it could be to have the soaps tucked away. Unexpected guests or last minute present problems instantly solved. They are excellent value—prices have been held without increase for more than two e years as really modern equipment has been t installed to keep overheads down. Now that is the kind of company I enjoy dealing with but that apart, I also like and enjoy the soaps.

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about \$20. Some old Ralph Caldecore prints of nursery rhymes, some Indian prints that look as though they'd been painted on Perspex are in honeyed maple frames. The frames are them r selves tempting of "bamboo", grainy woods and gilt. There are Chinese prints painted on fabric, including an enchanting one with a story behind it, of a girl who wanted to go to university but had to dress as a boy to get in. She fell in love, asked her love home to y arrange a marriage and ends up 'umping into e her lover's tomb to be with him when lightning e springs from the grays. There are not printed her lover's tomb to be with him when lightning e springs from the grave. There are good prints to fithe Victorian Diamond Jubilee, little costume oprints, animal prints from Japan, and old advertisements for Eno's, "Health's Messentger", warning jeopardy to health without him. A winged blonde, dreams of many things and all kinds of prints, pages from old magazines and pictures make a very good choice at Pizeouhole, 13 Langton Street, London, SW10. (01-352 2677).

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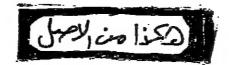
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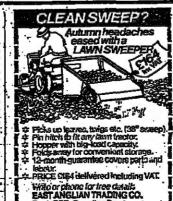
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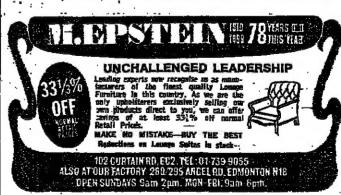
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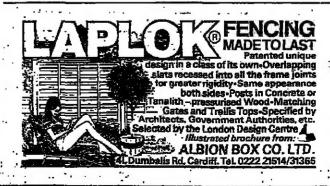
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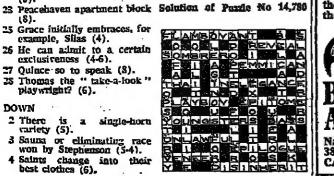
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